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Department of State
Austin, January 19th 1842

F. Cazziott

Sir,

Yours of 11th Instant has been received. The whole of the subject therein referred to had by my predecessor been referred to Congress at the commencement of the session, for its investigation and action. The subject as I am informed is now before a select Committee of the House of Representatives which will doubtless in a few days report upon the merits of the claims of Major [illegible] &c. I do not know that your presence in Austin would facilitate the business much. In fact it is expected Congress will adjourn in a few days and you might not be able to reach this place before the close of the session.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Anson Jones
Secy of State

Department of State
January 22d 1842

To Jesse Benton, Esquire
Dist. Atty 7th District

Sir,

You will receive, herewith, your Commission as District Attorney of the 7th Judicial District of this Republic, to which Office you have been nominated on the 15th Instant.

I also, enclose you a copy of a letter recently received from the Hon Joseph Eve, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States to this Government with accompanying documents marked A. B & C., complaining of certain invasions of the territory of the United States, and injuries done to the Chickasaw Indians, by Citizens of this Republic.

As these acts, if true, as complained of, involve a breach of our international obligations, it is necessary that the matter should be promptly investigated, and the offenders punished according to our Laws.

You will therefore, upon the receipt of this, institute a careful enquiry into the case, and take such legal steps in prosecuting the Offenders as the facts, which the investigation may develope, shall render necessary and proper, and report at the proper time thereon to this Department.

It is very desirable for the interests of Texas that she should punctually perform, on her part, all the requirements of Justice, Law and Treaty Stipulations with the United States. In the first place, it will tend to preserve the peaceful relations which now exist between the two Governments, and by avoiding all encroachments upon the inhabitants of that country residing immediately on Red River, the frontier will be kept in quiet, and those unfortunate collisions, so apt to arise between the inhabitants residing on a frontier when either is careless, about a performance of duty will be most easily avoided. In the second place, the policy of the U. S. which has placed hordes of Indians in their western limits and immediately upon our borders, imposes upon that Government imperious obligations arising from the requirements of Justice, good neighborhood, and the solemn stipulations of Treaties, to restrain these Savages, and to prevent them committing any depredations upon our Citizens or making incursions into our territory. Texas therefore, should continue as heretofore scrupulously to observe her engagements, by which means she can always maintain unimpaired the right to demand of the United States, a like fulfillment of theirs.

For these reasons, and to enable this Government to make a prompt and successful demand to this effect upon the U. S., you will enquire minutely into the circumstances of any outrages, which have been or may be committed in the limits of your District by Indians from the United States, and for this purpose you will call upon the magistrates and other officers of the several Counties for aid and assistance in procuring well authenticated proofs of any Indian depredations committed in their respective Counties, and make a full report at your earliest convenience to this Department.

The Conventional stipulations referred to you will find in the 33d and 34 Articles of the Treaty between Mexico and the United States, of the 5th April 1831, is now binding as well upon Texas as the United States.

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect
Your Obt. St.

Department of State
Austin, January 26. 1842

To His, Excellency
Sam. Houston

Sir,

In compliance with the Resolution of the Hon. House of Representatives of 24th Instant, appointing a Committee to enquire into and report as early as practicable the particulars of the alleged illegal conduct of the Schooners "Invincible and "Brutus" in seizing the property of the "Little Penn" off the Coast of Campeachy in 1837, and requesting the President to cause all the documents relating thereto to be laid before the House, and which resolution you referred to this Department, has been received; — I have the honor herewith, to hand you all the correspondence and evidence in this Department which has not heretofore been transmitted to Congress relative to the alleged seizure above referred to

I have the honor to be
Your very Obt. Servant
Anson Jones

Department of State
Austin, February 26. 1842

To Capt. V. Pirson &c. &c. &c

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose you herewith, agreeably to your request a certified copy of one of the Contracts for Colonization, entered into by the Government of Texas and a certain Company therein named for the purpose of introducing immigrants to Texas, and also a copy of a Law passed by the last Congress authorizing the President of the Republic to make similar contracts with other companies.

The advantages which such a Contract offers to those wishing to come and settle in our country, is very great, and I doubt not its importance will be properly appreciated by the intelligence of your Govt. At the same time I take occasion to observe that Texas has, as you are well aware, a very large domain of vacant and unappropriated lands; — and to assure you of the readiness with which His Excellency the President would enter into stipulations to extend to the Citizens of Belgium, the advantages of her colonization system, if desired by them. I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, Your most Obt. and very Humble Servant.
Anson Jones,

Department of State,
Austin, March 9th 1842.

To Capt. V. Pirson
Consl. of His Majesty
The King of the Belgians
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Instant, in answer to mine of the 26th February, on the subject of Colonization in Texas.

In reply I have the honor to make known to you that His Excellency has been pleased to signify to me his willingness to grant you certain tracts of Land, for the use and benefit of a company of respectable Belgian Citizens to be formed for the purpose, with whom at your instance to be hereafter signified to him he will contract for the introduction and settlement of from six hundred to one thousand families from Belgium upon the same terms and conditions as are expressed in the contracts of the 15th February 1842 between His Excellency the President and Messrs. Kennedy & Pringle and Castro & Jassaud for the Colonization and settlement of Lands upon the Rio Grande by families from England and France:

The tracts of Land which the President has designated and will reserve for the Belgian Company above referred to consist of the following, viz;

1st. A tract of Land twenty five miles in breadth fronting upon the Rio Grande, and lying upon its eastern bank, commencing at the lower line of the lower grant, on the said river, to Castro & Jassaud, and extending down the Rio Grande fifty miles.

2d. A tract of Land twenty five miles in breadth fronting upon the Rio Grande and lying upon its eastern bank commencing at the upper line of the upper grant on the said River to Messrs. Kennedy & Pringle and extending up the Rio Grande fifty miles.

And His Excellency will keep and reserve the said tracts of land absolutely for the use and benefit of the company aforesaid until the 1st day of December next unless Congress should sooner repeal the Colonization Laws now in force, unless you should sooner signify to him your disposition to relinquish the same in behalf of the company you propose to form in Belgium. But should no person appear, under authority from you and enter into the necessary legal Contract for colonizing these lands, before the first day of December next, then the President will be at liberty to dispose of the lands without further reference to the understanding now had with you.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Most Obt Servant
Anson Jones

Department of State
Austin, March 11th 1844.

To Capt. Victor Pirson.
Comr. of His Majesty the King of the Belgians

Sir,

As you informed me in a recent personal interview with which you favored me that you were about to leave this country, on your return to your own, I avail myself of this opportunity, to express the pleasure which it has given the President as well as myself, to have received you as the Commissioner of His Majesty the King of the Belgians. The proof of the regard towards this Republic, which his Majesty has given in accrediting in this capacity to Texas, One who in his personal intercourse has been so acceptable as yourself, is warmly appreciated by this Government.

Should your mission result in confirming established relations of Amity and Commerce between Texas and Belgium, and in facilitating the negotiation of a treaty for these objects between the two countries, the best interests of both will, I am satisfied, have been most materially subserved by you. It is the wish of the President as early as possible to renew negotiations with His Majesty the King of the Belgians for the conclusion of such a Treaty, and should His Majesty entertain corresponding dispositions, I confidently trust it will be accomplished without unnecessary delay.

Be pleased, Sir, to make these sentiments known to the Govt of His Majesty, on your return home, and accept the assurances of the very high respect, with which I have the honor to be, Sir, Your Most Obedient & very humble Servant.
Anson Jones

Department of State,
Houston, April 4th, 1842.

Sir,

Your letter of the 29th, of March, to his Excellency, the President, on the subject of the Carriages captured on board the Mexican Schooner "Progreſsa", has been received, and referred to this Department.

Proof, which appears to be satisfactory, has been submitted to this Department, that these carriages, are, *bona fide*, the property of a Citizen of France, (M. Faure) whose Agent, Mr Faurasta, is now at Galveston. You will therefore, as soon as practicable, put Mr Faurasta, in poſseſsion of the seven Carriages in question, without subjecting him to any expense on account of the sale which was made. The Government, or the party for whose benefit they were sold, should refund him the amount required for their redemption, and which he was required to pay.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect,
Your Obt Servt
Anson Jones

To Gail Borden, Esq.
Collector &c.
Galveston.

Department of State,
Houston, May 19th, 1842.

To John H. Money, Esq.
Chf Justice of Austin County.

Sir,

Some days since, a letter was received at this Department, from you, tendering your resignation of the Office of Chief Justice of Austin County: by an act of the last Congreſs, the Office of Chief Justice of the County Courts are to be filled by an election by the people, and an order to hold said election, should be given by the incumbent previous to the expiration of his term of Office, or his resignation, therefore: it is necessary that you cause an election to be held in your County to fill the vacancy that may occur on your resignation, when accepted; the law requires that notice shall be posted on the Court-house door and at three other public places in the County, for at least ten days. So soon as notice is received at this Department of said election, your resignation will be considered as accepted; not before.

Respectfully your Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Houston May 24th, 1842.

To the Chief Justice
Of the County of Brazoria.

Sir,

Brazoria
[illegible]
Austin
Colorado
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[illegible]

I have the honor to enclose you, herewith, a copy of the Proclamation of his Excellency, the President, ordering an election to be held in your County, on Tuesday the 14th, day of June next, for a Senator in Congress. You will please order the election as specified therein, and make due return of the same in accordance with the provisions of the "act regulating elections" passed Oct. 26th, 1837. In relation to the notice to be given at the different precincts, you are referred for particular instructions to the 6th, Section of the above recited Act.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest respect,
Your Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones.
Sect. of State.

Department of State,
Houston, May 28th, 1842.

To the Aſsociate Justices
Of the County of Harris,

Gentlemen,

The Hon I. A. Moreland, having tendered to this Department, his resignation of the Office of Chief Justice of Harris County, which resignation has been accepted; you are hereby notified of the vacancy, and will take the neceſsary steps to hold an election for filling the same.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
Anson Jones
Secty of State

Department of State,
Houston, June 8th, 1842.

To Jeſse Benton Jr. Esq.
District Attorney, 7th, Judicial District.

Sir,

Enclosed, I have the honor to transmit you a copy of the Note of the Hon. Joseph Eve, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States, on the subject of certain aggreſsions, said to have been comitted by citizens of Texas, upon the Choctaw Indians, residing within the United States, together with two communications accompanying the same.

You will cause an investigation to be had in the premises, and should the offences have been committed as complained of, you will take the neceſsary steps to have the offenders punished according to Law. Acting in this matter agreeably to the instructions given you on a former occasion, when transmitting you a similar complaint, on the part of the United States Government of the 20th, December last, and report the same to this Department.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Houston, 6th, July 1842.

A. C. McFarlane, Esq.

Secretary of the Senate.

Sir,

Your note of this date asking me to furnish six copies of the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Texas, by order of the Senate, has been received; In reply, I can only say, that the Department of State is not in possession of even one copy of the Constitution and laws, and it has neither money nor credit, to purchase the requisite number ordered by the Honl Senate. The laws, books, and papers of this Department are all boxed up carefully, and were left in the City of Austin, consequently, I am unable to comply with your request, and the order of the Senate.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servant

Joseph Waples
Actg Secty of State.

Department of State,
Houston, June 7th, 1842.

To P. W. Gray, Esq.

District Attorney 1st Judicial District,

Sir,

Information has just been received at this Department, from the Hon. A. de Saligny, Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty the King of the French, that a violent assault has been made upon that functionary, with threats and menaces of violence, by one Jule Dulong, now in this city.

You are therefore, requested to take the necessary legal steps for the immediate arrest of the said Dulong, and for the due investigation of the offence complained of by Mr Saligny, in order that justice may be speedily rendered, and the international obligations of Texas discharged.

The witnesses referred to in support of the complaint preferred by Mr Saligny, are Messrs. M. M. Marion, Vivien, and A. Bourgeois. As some of these Gentlemen are about leaving the city, it is desirable, that their evidence should be taken this day.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt

Anson Jones
Secty of State.

Department of State,
Houston, 4th August 1842.

B. F. Neal, Esq.

Sir,

Your letter of 27th July ult., to the President, relating to the course of certain individuals, in your section of Country, against Don Carlos de la Garcia and others, at his Rancho, and that among the principal leaders of the disaffected, is James H. Robinson, Esq, has been received, and referred to this Department. I am instructed by his Excellency, the President, to request you to use every effort in your power, for the protection of Don Carlos, and the families at his Rancho, their arms, and other property, against any attempt on the part of Mr Robinson or others, to molest or injure them; and that you are authorized to call on any and all good citizens to aid and assist you, and should you not be enabled by your own exertions, and the aid of your immediate neighbors to effect this object, you are authorized to call on Col. C. L. Owen, (who has been written to on the subject) or Capt. Murphree to come to your aſsistance. You will use every effort by argument or otherwise, to prevent the Volunteers from entering into any unlawful conspiracy against citizens of the country; for, though Don Carlos may have been a native born Mexican, he has so demeaned himself since he has abrogated his citizenship of his native country, and become one amongst us, as to entitle him to all the rights, privileges, and protection of a citizen, even though a native born one.

The President had previous to the receipt of your letter, been apprized of the enmity of Mr Robison and others towards Don Carlos and his people, but had not had it impreſsed upon him in such positive terms as to authorize his calling for further protection than such as the civil authorities of the Country are bound by law to give to its citizens, and now regrets that he is compelled to pursue another course; but when designing men attempt to take the law into their own hands, and to execute acts contrary to law, justice, or humanity, he then deems it a duty to protect the innocent by the alternative given him, Viz; the Military.

If Don Carlos and his people have in any way injured Mr Robinson or others, he certainly knows (for he was once a Judge) that there is recourse in the law, and if guilty, their punishment is certain. Or if there are any charges against them as Traitors, why are they not brought before the proper tribunals, and there tried, and if found guilty, punished according to law? and you may aſsure Mr Robinson and his accomplices, it is not the wish of the President to protect or give countenance to Don Carlos, his people, or any other citizens, who are guilty of acts in violation of law, more especially the highest of Crimes, "Treason," and should any be convicted of such offence, the utmost rigor of the law will be inflicted on them. Therefore, you can aſsure Don Carlos and his people, that as long as they conduct themselves with due order and propriety and subject themselves to the laws, and prove faithful to the country, they shall be protected by those laws, so far as it is in the power of the President to have them executed. And should Mr Robinson and his coadjutors make any attempt to molest or injure in any way Don Carlos, his people or their property, it is the order of the President, that you will adopt measures to prevent it, and if neceſsary, to have him or them arrested for trial, according to law. But the President does not wish it understood, that he is for protecting Carlos and his family right or wrong; his protection is only thrown over innocence, and until charges are made and substantiated in this case, he must believe them innocent.

I am with great respect,
Your Obedient Servant,

Joseph Waples
Acting Secty of State.

Approved
August 6th, 1842.
Sam Houston

Department of State,
Houston, 4th August 1842.

Col. C. L. Owen,

Sir,

The President has just received a letter from B. F. Neal, Esq., Chief Justice of Refugio County, dated 27th, ulto., stating that threats had been made against Don Carlos de la Garcia, and others, belonging to his Rancho, by a disaffected party in that section of country, and that one of the principal leaders thereof is J. W. Robinson, Esq., late a Judge of the 4th Judl. District. Mr Neil is firm in belief of the innocence of of Don Carlos of the complaint of disaffection towards the Texians, and believes he is true and faithful to the country. The President has instructed me to request Mr. Neal to call to his aid when necessary any and all good citizens for the protection of Carlos, (if innocent) and should he not by such aid be enabled to effect that object, then, he is authorized to call on you or Captain Murphree for further assistance, which you will please give him when required. Mr. Neal states that the enemies of Carlos have endeavored to incite the volunteers against him, by circulating various reports of his want of good faith to the country &c., and trying to induce them to destroy the Ranche and murder the inhabitants, but thus far they have been prevented from any acts of violence by the Commanding Officers; You will use every effort to suppreſs such reports (if they are false) and prevent the Volunteers from molesting or injuring the persons and property of Carlos and his people.

If Carlos is guilty of crime, the proper tribunal of the country is open for proof of his guilt, and the law prescribes the punishment, which will be inflicted on all persons convicted of crime with the utmost severity: Therefore, until charges are made and substantiated against Carlos and his people, Justice, humanity, and the law requires their protection as Citizens of the Country.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,

Joseph Waples
Acting Secty of State.

Approved 5th, August, 1842.

Sam Houston

Department of State,
Houston, 8th, August 1842.

John P. Borden, Esq.

Sir, -

Yours of 4th, inst, and a letter from H. Stuart, of same date, relative to translating, and publishing the laws of the last Congreſs, into Castilian, with your proposals to translate, and his to publish them, according to the terms allowed by law, has been received. I have referred your proposals to the President, who has directed me to say, that in consequence of there not being an appropriation made to carry out the intention of the act authorizing the translating and publishing the laws, that it is impracticable to enter into a contract for doing it, and should it be done, you would have to depend on the liberality of the next Congreſs for payment. Beside, the neceſsity for the publication of these laws does not at present exist, so as to authorize on your parts the probability of remuneration for your labor.

I am with respect,
Your Obt. Servant,

Joseph Waples
Acting Secty of State

P.S. You will please inform Mr Stuart how matters stand.

Department of State,
Houston, 10th, August 1842.

Jesse Benton Jr., Esq

Sir,

In the absence of the Secretary of State, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of 30th, June, also the receipt of your report of May, which was satisfactory to the President and Doct. Jones.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,

Joseph Waples
Acting Secty of State.

Department of State,
Houston, Sept. 9th, 1842.

Jesse Benton, Junr. Esq.

Dist. Atty. of 7th. Judl. District

Sir,

Enclosed, I have the honor to transmit you a copy of a Note of the Hon. Joseph Eve, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States on the subject of a letter alledged to have been written by Major James R Oneal, of the 2d Bat. 4th, Regiment, 4th, Brigade Texas Militia together with a copy of said letter and a copy of a letter of A. M. M. Upshaw, Agent of Choctaw Indians.

It is the instruction of the President, that you cause an immediate enquiry into the conduct of Major Oneal in this matter, and take such measures for his punishment as the law requires; acting agreeably to former instructions from this Department, so far as they are applicable to the case; and in accordance with the treaty stipulations between Mexico and the United States, of April 1831, which treaty is held binding between Texas and the United States.

The President also instructs me to say that, whenever you shall hear of any infringement of that treaty, or of the laws of the United States, or of the rights of citizens of the United States, by citizens of Texas, within your district, you will immediately cause an investigation therein, and prosecute to punishment any such offenders, with the severest rigor of the law. It is all important to Texas that the mutual feeling of friendship between the two Governments should not be disturbed by our Citizens under any pretext. The United States did with a noble magnanimity, immediately on application having been made, send to her border a large force to protect Texas against incursions of her Indians into this country, and the protection of our citizens, which has had a very salutary effect; therefore, let not Texas nor Texians be the first to make an inroad into the harmony and kind feelings now existing and has been so signally manifested by the United States.

I have the honor to be,
With respect,
Your Obt. Servt.

Joseph Waples
Acting Secty of State.

Department of State,
Houston 11th, Sept. 1842.

P. H. Gray, Esq.

Dist. Atty. of the 1st Judl. District

Sir,

The President directs, that in any and all cases decided against the Government during the present term of the Court in the County of Galveston, you will take an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Your Obt Servant,

Joseph Waples
Acting Secretary of State

Department of State,
Washington, Decr 22d 1842.

To Jesse Benton Jr., Esq.

District Attorney 7th Judicial District,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Nov. ult., to this Department, containing a report of your investigations in reference to the subject referred to in my letter of the 6th of June 1842.

In reply, I have much pleasure in assuring you that the Department is fully satisfied with the course pursued by you, and that it has met with the highest approbation of the President.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Most Obt Servant.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Decr 24th 1842.

To His Excellency, Sam Houston,

President of the Republic of Texas.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you herewith, the copy of a letter received at this Department, from the Hon Charles Elliot, her Britannic Majesty's Charge d'Affaires to this Government, in relation to certain claims for lands, by Meſsrs. Colesworth & Pryor, George O. Gorman, and D. E. Egerton, as Empresario Contractors, in order that it may be submitted to the consideration of Congreſs, and receive such action there, as the justice or propriety of the claims may seem, in wisdom to require.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest respect,
Your most Obt Servt

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Houston 9th, Sept 1844.

Sir,

By instructions of the President, I send you herewith, a copy of a letter purporting to have been written by Maj James R. Oneal of the Texas Militia, to the Chiefs of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, also of a letter from A. M. Upshaw C. A. to the same Indians. The President desires that you cause an inquiry to be made into the conduct of Major Oneal in this matter.

Yours Respectfully

Joseph Waples
Acting Secretary of State.

To M. C. Hamilton, Esq.

Acting Secretary of War & Marine

Department of State,
Washington, Dec. 26th, 1842.

To His Excellency,
Sam. Houston,

President of the Republic of Texas.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you herewith, a copy of the correspondence between this Department, and the Hon Joseph Eve, Chargé d'affaires of the United States, relative to a claim of Gen. Waddy Thompson, United States Minister to Mexico, for moneys expended by him, in behalf of our unfortunate countrymen, of the Santa Fe expedition, late prisoners in that country; that the matter may, in accordance with the aſsurance given to Mr Eve, be presented at an early day to the consideration of Congreſs.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, 28th, Dec. 1842.

Collector of Customs,

Galveston.

Sir,

This Department has just received a Bill of Lading of One Box containing books, shipped by Little Rickards & Co, London, on the "Barque "Alpha" the 6th, Sept 1842, marked, "To the Honorable Secretary of State, Houston, Texas", the freight on the same has been paid, as specified in the bill of lading. You will please receive the same and forward it to Houston, to care of Meſsrs. Baker & Baldwin.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington Jany 6th, 1843

To the Hon. N. H. Darnell,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you herewith, the copies of two communications received from the Hon. Joseph Hume, Member of the British Parliament.

The several documents, and very valuable parliamentary papers, referred to in these communications, have been received by the Barque Alpha, recently arrived from London, at the port of Galveston; and I now beg leave, in the name of the liberal and highly distinguished donor, and in accordance with his request, to present them through you, Sir, to the Honorable the House of Representatives

I remain with the highest regard,
Your most Obt.
and very Humble Servt.

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, Jany 6th, 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that your application for a grant of land for colonization between the rivers Brazos and Trinity, under date of the 29th, ulto. has been laid before the President.

In reply, he directs me to inform you, that for the present he declines entering into the contract, but that your application will be considered as having a precedence over any others which may be hereafter made; and that the concession you ask, will be extended to you, whenever he shall deem it for the interests of the country; to enter into an engagement for colonizing the territory embraced within the limits specified in your application above referred to.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest respect,
Your Obt Servant,

Anson Jones.

To H. S. Pearson, Esq.

Department of State,
Washington, Jany 23d 1843

Messrs. Cruger & Moore,

Gentlemen,

– Please deliver to the order of Col Wm Henry Daingerfield, three copies of the "Laws of Texas" (bound) and forward your account to this Office for payment.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obt Servt

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington Feby 12th, 1843:

Jesse Benton Jr., Esq.
District Atty 7th Judicial District,

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to

[illegible] copies of correspondence with Mr. Eve, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States, and of a resolution passed by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, for your information and corresponding action.

I think it would be advisable, that this correspondence should be published in the Northern Standard, and I have to request that you will use your best exertions as far as practicable and proper, to arrest the evils complained of by the Agents of the United States, should they exist as stated in the letter of Mr. Eve.

The establishment of whiskey Shops on Red River, for the purpose of selling whiskey to the Indians is calculated in particular, to have a most injurious effect upon the quiet of the frontier, and as far as possible they should be discouraged and prevented.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect,
Your Obt. Servant

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington April 23d 1843.

Henry Fisher, Esq.

Sir,

The President has been informed that you are raising a company of men for the purpose of going up to the San Saba River, and making preparations for colonizing on your grant there. He deems that in our present relations with the Commanche Indians, it would be unwise and impolitic to go on with an expedition of this kind, at this time, particularly, without the knowledge and sanction of the Government, to your proposed measures, as there might be objections growing out of those relations, of which possibly you are not aware. In August next it is proposed to hold a grand Council with the various tribes of Commanches, and other hostile Indians, after which time, the objections which now exist, may probably cease. In the meantime, it is very desirable, that any act on the part of our citizens, calculated to hazard the success of the negotiations for peace with these Indians, should be abstained from.

You are, therefore, requested to report to this Department, on this subject, and not to undertake any expedition, into the San Saba country, except under the immediate sanction of the government first obtained to the same.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect,
Your Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, May 27th, 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of a translation of a despatch from M. le Vte de Cramayel, Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty the King of the French, for your information and action.

I have the honor to be,
with high respect,
Yr. Obt. Servant

Anson Jones

To,

Hon. G. W. Hill,

Secretary of War & Marine.

Department of State,
Washington, May 27th, 1843.

Sir,

Your letter of the 13th inst., asking to be informed in relation to certain points, arising under the direct tax law, has been received — and has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to whose Department the subject property belongs

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

To I. A. Moody, Esq.
Victoria.

Department of State,
Washington, June 20th, 1843

Andrew Neill, Esq.
Distt Atty 2d Judicial District.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you herewith, for your information and Official action, the copy of an extract of a letter addressed to this Department, by M. le Vte de Cramayel, Chargé d'Affaires, of His Majesty the King of the French, of the 10th, inst, and also a copy of my reply to the same, of the 15th; and to request that you will cause a prompt legal enquiry to be made, in relation to the robbery and murder, said to have been committed, and referred to in this correspondence. Should the property taken from Mr. Guilbeau, still be detained from him, you will use all legal and proper means, to cause the same to be restored to that individual, as soon as possible. And if the authors and perpetrators of these alledged outrages can be found, you will take the necessary steps to have them brought to justice, and punished according to our Laws.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respects,
Your Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, July 6th, 1843.

Gen. E. H. Tarrant,

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that you have been appointed one of the Commissioners on the part of the Government of Texas, to attend the grand Council of Indians, to be held at Birds Fort on the Trinity river, at the time of the full moon in August next, and to request that if agreeable to you to accept the Office, you will be there at the appointed time. Your Commission and full instructions for your governance, (if not forwarded you before,) will meet you on your arrival at Birds Fort.

As very important results to the peace, prosperity, and welfare of this country may be derived from this Council, permit me to express an earnest hope, that you will accept the appointment now tendered you, and that it may suit your convenience to be present at the time and place designated.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest respect,
Your Most Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, July 8th, 1843.

Major James H. Cocke,

Collector of Customs.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, I have the honor to hand you two drafts from the Treasury Department in my favor of this date, one at thirty days for seven hundred and fifty dollars, and one at sixty days for twelve hundred and fifty dollars, making an aggregate of two thousand dollars in par funds, which please place to the credit of this Department, on deposit in the Custom House, and hold the same subject to the order of the Hon. Isaac Van Zandt, Chargé d'Affaires of this Republic to the United States.

I yesterday wrote to Mr Van Zandt informing him that this amount would be placed in your hands, and that he was authorized to draw on the Department of State for the same in your favor, and that you would attend to the business of remitting him the amount according to the directions he might give you in reference to the matter.

I have therefore, to beg that you will comply with the promise, I have taken the liberty, in advance to make Mr Van Zandt; and remit him the proceeds of these drafts, as he may direct.

I remain with the highest respect,
Your Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

Department of State.
Washington, July 25th, 1843.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Hon Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11th inst. in which you request to be furnished with a duly authenticated copy of a Resolution, entitled "A Joint Resolution for the relief of Ensign B. Smith and Stephen Smith" approved January 18th 1842; and to say in reply, that the Enrolled Acts, passed at the regular session of the Sixth Congress, being among the Archives of the Government remaining at Austin, your request cannot, at the present, be complied with.

I have the honor to be,
respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

To E. G. Rogers Esq.
Rainesfield,
Red River

Department of State,
Washington, Augt. 31st. 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you herewith, for your information, a copy of Mr. Van Zandt's despatch under date of the 29th. June 1843, in relation to your negroes, captured by Indians, and carried into the territory of the United States. As the communication of Mr. Van Zandt is very full upon the subject, I deem it unnecessary to add any thing except, that this Department will transmit to Mr. V. Z. any testimony which you may furnish it, in relation to the abduction of these negroes, by the Indians of the U.S. &c., and aid you by all proper means within its power, either in obtaining their restoration to you, or an adequate compensation for their loss.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest respect,
Your Most Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

To Dr. Joseph W. Robertson.

Department of State,
Washington, Septr. 2d. 1843.

To Thomas William Ward, Esq.

Commissioner of the Genl. Land Office.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, is a copy of a contract, bearing date September 1st, 1843, between Sam Houston, President, &c, of the one part, and Henry F. Fisher et al., of the other part, for the introduction of Colonists, under the provisions of existing laws, in relation to this subject.

The former contracts between the said parties, for the introduction of colonists, have been cancelled.

I have the honor to be, respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.
A. Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Sept. 11th, 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date of 12th. August last, making enquiry whether the vouchers, in relation to your claim for services on the boundary line survey, between the U. S. and Texas, were turned over to me when I entered the Department.

In reply, I have to state, that as all the Archives, papers &c., of the Department, of a date earlier than May or June 1842, are at the City of Austin, I am unable to give you any information on the subject of your enquiry. I have no recollection of ever seeing any such papers in the State Department, nor has my present Chief Clerk, Mr. Hale, though it is very probable they may have been there notwithstanding.

I understand there is no money appropriated for the payment of balances which may be due for that survey, and you will therefore, be under the neceſsity of having your claim referred to Congreſs as the only means of obtaining payment.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

To D. C. Wilber, Esq.

Galveston.

Department of State,
Washington, Sept. 22d. 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that the Official bond of Ira Ellis, Esq., who was on the 5th. Sept. 1842, elected Surveyor of the County of San Augustine, has been received, and placed on file in this Department.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

To/
Thomas Wm Ward, Esq.

Comr of the General Land Office

Department of State,
Washington, Sept 25th, 1843.

Sir,

Mr F. Guilbeau, Consular Agent of France, at San Antonio de Bexar, has a claim against this Government, amounting to one hundred and sixty four dollars; for goods taken by order of General Somervell, for the use of the army, in the fall of 1842; which claim has been acknowledged. The President, requests, that he should be paid by a draft on the Collector, at Galveston, and the same charged to the fund appropriated for the protection of the frontier.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt

Anson Jones.

To Hon. J. B. Miller.

Secretary of Treasury.

Department of State,
Washington, Oct. 17th, 1843.

Hon. Anson Jones,

Secretary of State,

Galveston.

You will perceive from the enclosed papers that this Department has been called upon to give a certificate of Official character in relation to certain County Officers in the Red River District. Of the Official chararacter of these Gentlemen (with the exception of Mr Stout, the Chief Justice of Red River,) the Department has no evidence other than what is afforded by the statement of Mr Morrill (who must, of course, be interested as Counsel) and the certificate of Judge Mills.

The document to which the certificate of the Department should be attached, not having been forwarded for this purpose, as it should have been, and being therefore unadvised in respect to the particular dates of the Official acts described in it — I have drawn up the only certificate which, it seems to me, under the circumstances mentioned, can be given; and enclose the same for your consideration.

That this certificate, in the present case, would be of any value to the party interested, I can not for a moment believe. For while you may certify, for instance, that Wm B. Stout was, at a particular date, Chief Justice of Red River, you do not certify that the Wm B. Stout, whose name is subscribed in the instrument of writing to which your certificate is supposed to be attached, was, at that date, Chief Justice of Red River; and in the absence of this instrument of writing, it is impoſsible so to certify. But this is not properly a matter for our consideration.

I object, however, to the giving this certificate on the ground that, if the practice of giving certificates of Official character, without having the returns of the Chief Justice or Aſsociate Justices of the County, be adopted, the door will be opened to endleſs applications of this sort — the Department will render itself extremely liable to imposition — and would thereby, at once, deprive itself of the principal argument that can be addreſsed to the Returning Officers of the several Counties, in regard to the busineſs of making returns of elections to the Department of State. The Department, too, in this case, could not be certainly informed of the purpose for which its certificate might be used. Indeed, in this view of the matter, the precedent might be fraught with danger to the public interests.

I am neverthelеſs much inclined to accommodate Mr Morrill — and should you differ with me in opinion — and think it not improper to give the certificate — please have the goodneſs to sign the same — obtain the certificate of the U. States Chargé d'Affaires — and forward the papers to me by mail. The amt of Gen. Murphy's fee will be repaid to you, upon your return to Washington.

You will observe that I have enclosed herewith one of our blank certificates; but I can not conceive how it may be filled up so as to suit this particular case.

Very Respectfully,
Yr. Obedient Servant,

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

P. S. Since writing this letter, it has occurred to me that the Dept. might furnish to Mr. Morrill a certificate of the Official character of Judge Mills, (although this is clearly not the object of Mr. M.) if it could do nothing more. — and have accordingly attached such a certificate to the Document signed by Judge Mills — to be executed or not as you may determine.

J. H.

Department of State,
Washington, Oct. 28th, 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 3d ult., and in compliance with your request, to enclose a Commission for Mr. Ward, as Coroner of your County; also a certificate of your Official character, attached to a document executed by yourself, and forwarded to this Department for that purpose. To this certificate it is usually deemed necessary to have appended the attestation of the Official character of the Secretary of State, either by the Chargé d'Affaires, or a Consul, resident here, of the Country to which the document is intended to be sent.

In relation to the terms of Office of the County Officers of your County, I have to remark that, the Register of this Department not being entirely perfect, I am unable to furnish you with the dates of the elections of all the County Officers of your County, and consequently cannot inform you fully, in regard to the duration of their respective terms. Much of your difficulty, however, on this subject, will be removed by reminding you that the Supreme Court, at its last session, delivered an opinion, the effect of which is understood to be this — that all County Officers hold their Offices for the term of two or four years (as the case may be) from the dates of their election respectively — and this, not —

withstanding they may have been elected *expressly* to fill unexpired terms. The right of the party elected to hold his Office, for the full term prescribed, "can not" says the Court, "be impaired by the mistakes of ministerial Officers issuing the writs of elections, nor the misapprehensions of the Electors as to the periods of the duration of the Office."

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, yr. Obt. Servt

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

To
James M. Long, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Travis County.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 1st 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your Official communication, of the 18th, Sept. last, addressed to this Dept., and containing returns of elections recently held in your County.

I regret to inform you that so much of your communication as relates to Justices of the Peace, is in such form as to create some degree of difficulty; and I have now to communicate the request of the Dept. that you will furnish, at an early date, such further information, on this subject, as will remove the difficulty complained of.

For every precinct into which your County is divided there are elected two Justices — and from your return, above referred to, it would seem that, in some of the precincts, one of the two Justices, heretofore elected, has ceased to act, and another person has been elected to fill the vacancy. But the name of the *predecessor* not being mentioned — it is impossible, from your returns, to know which one of the two Justices, originally elected, has vacated his Office. It is, therefore, proper, in making returns of the election of Justices of the Peace, you should specify not only the precincts for which they were respectively elected, but the names of their predecessors, as well as the dates of their resignations, deaths, expiration of their respective terms &c, as the case may be. A like course should be adopted in making returns of elections of *all other*

County Officers. Permit me here to suggest the importance of your not allowing any considerable length of time to intervene between the election of an Officer and your return of the same.

This Dept is wholly unadvised in respect to the names, the dates of the election, the bonds*&c. of all the County Officers of your County, save the Chief Justice and the Justices of the Peace. Will you have the goodneſs, in view of this fact, to furnish, in relation to all these matters, full information? (see the various acts of Congreſs in reference to the bonds of County Officers.)

Your attention is specially invited to the 7th. Sec. of the act entitled "An act to provide for the return of surveys," &c. approved Feby 6th. 1840

It is eſsential that the Dept should be kept advised as to the names and dates of the election of the Aſsociate Justices of your County.

It is earnestly requested that upon your receipt of this communication, you may not fail to comply with the wishes of the Department herein expreſsed.

I regret that it is not in the power of the Dept to furnish the acts of the 1st., 2nd., 3d., 4th., 5th., and 6th. Congreſs. With the exception of a few copies of the 1st Vol. (and which contains the acts of the regular seſsions of the first Congreſs, held at Columbia, and the adjourned seſsions of the same Congreſs, held at the City of Houston, in the following Spring,) and some copies of the acts of the special seſsion of the sixth Congreſs, these acts are not in the poſseſsion of the Dept; and therefore can not be furnished, a second time, to the different Counties. All these acts have been furnished heretofore, it is believed, and in sufficient numbers, to all the Counties; and if they have not been deemed worthy of preservation, the fault, surely, can not rest with the Department of State.

Please inform the Dept of the number of copies of the acts of the 7th. Congreſs that have been received by you — and also of the additional number which you may require to enable you to furnish a copy to each of the County Officers of your County.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your Obt Servt

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

To/
Robert Turner, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Shelby County.

* The bond of the County Surveyor has been received. But the Dept has no Official information of his election.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 1st 1843.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Hon. Secretary of State to advise you of the receipt of your note of the 4th, Sept., enclosing the "duplicate" bond of Mr. Costello, Sheriff of your County, and requesting a commiſsion for that Gentleman. A commiſsion for Mr. C. was forwarded some time since; but as it does not appear to have reached him, a duplicate is herewith enclosed. A commiſsion for Mr. Ingram is also enclosed. This would have been forwarded at a much earlier date, had any formal returns of his election been received at the Department.

This Dept. is not informed in regard to the names, the dates of the election, bonds &c. of the District Clerk and Coroner of your County; and it is requested that you will furnish, at your earliest convenience, full information on this subject.

The District Clerk and the County Surveyor are the only County Officers, whose bonds are required by law to be filed in the Office of the Department of State. The bonds of the Sheriff, Aſseſsor and Chief Justice (as receiver of Government dues on lands) should be filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury. (see the various acts in reference to the bonds of County Officers.)

In making returns of the election of Justices of the peace, you have omitted, hitherto, to specify the particular precincts for which the Justices were respectively elected; nor do you mention the name of the predeceſsor. The consequence must be that when the Dept. may receive the return of any subsequent election of a Justice of the peace, it would be impoſsible to know which one of the former Justices had vacated his Office. Will you have the kindneſs, therefore, in making the return of the election of any and all County Officers, to mention the names of the predeceſsors, as well as the dates of their resignations, deaths, expiration of their respective terms &c., as the case may be; and in the case of Justices, the particular precincts for which they were elected.

Permit me to suggest, likewise, the importance of your not allowing any considerable length of time to intervene between the date of the election of an Officer and your return of the same. This Department will avoid all unneceſsary delay in iſsuing the proper commiſsions. It is desirable that this Dept. should be kept always advised of the names and election of the Aſsociate Justices.

Your early and particular attention

to the suggestions herein expressed is most respectfully solicited.

I have the honor to be,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

John Hall,
Chief Clerk.

To/
George W. Palmer, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Victoria County.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov 1st. 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st Sept. last, and to forward the commissions herewith enclosed.

It is not deemed necessary to forward another comission to Mr. Hanks, as his term appears to have expired.

In making your returns of the election of Justices of the Peace, from time to time, there is a failure to mention the name of the predecessor. This is, oftentimes, productive of much inconvenience. For example. Two Justices are elected for a particular precinct. At a subsequent time, one of these two Justices resigns, and a successor is elected. But the name of the predecessor not being mentioned in the return, it is impossible to know which of the two Justices, originally elected, has vacated his Office. It is therefore extremely desirable that, in making returns of the elections of Justices of the Peace, you should specify the names of the predecessors, together with the particular dates of their resignations, deaths, the expirations of their respective terms &c., as the case may be; as well as the precincts for which they were respectively elected. And you will readily perceive that by adopting this course, in regard to all County Officers, and not permitting any considerable length of time to intervene between the election of an Officer and your return of the same, the danger of the Department's giving a certificate of Official character, after such character has ceased to exist, would be very much diminished.

This Dept. has not received the returns of any

election of a Justice of the Peace, for precinct No 6. in your County, held, as would seem from your advertisement, on the 29th, of April 1843. Nor has there been received any return of the elections of Justices for precinct No 10. held 22nd. Augt last.
How many precincts are there in the County of Harris?

The Dept is not properly informed in respect to the dates of the elections, bonds &c. of the District Clerk, County Clerk, and County Surveyor of your County.

The Aſsociate Justices having frequently, under existing laws, to perform the duties of Chief Justice, it becomes eſsential that this Dept should be always advised of the names and election of these Officers.

The Dept ought to have aſsured itself, before iſsuing your commiſsion, of your compliance with the provisions of the 7th Sec. of the act entitled "an act to provide for the return of Surveys, &c., approved Feby 5th. 1840. I am informed however, by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury that the bond, the execution of which is required by this act, has not been placed on file in the Treasury Department. It is hoped that you will not hesitate to execute the bond referred to, and forward the same to the proper Department.

Your early attention to the suggestions herein expreſsed is most respectfully requested.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your Obt Servt

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

To
Algernon P. Thompson, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Harris County.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 1st 1843.

To
William H. Ewing, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Washington County,

Sir,

Your communication of the 26th Sept., addreſsed to this Dept, and purporting to be a return of the election of certain County Officers of Washington County, has been received. The hope was entertained that this long looked-for return would, when received, be in such form as to be of some practical value, and therefore satisfactory. I regret to inform you that such is not the case — and have to request that the suggestions which I shall now make, in reference to this matter, may not be deemed unworthy of the notice and attention of an Officer who is sworn to execute duly the several duties required of him by law.

You certify that certain "Officers were duly and constitutionally elected to their respective Offices" at certain dates. But whether these Gentlemen went forward and qualified as provided by law, and took upon themselves the discharge of the duties of their respective Offices, this Department is not advised. I beg leave to refer you to the provisions of the act entitled "an act for the election of Sheriffs," &c, approved Dec 20th 1837, and the act entitled "an act to raise a public revenue by direct taxation," approved Jan. 16th 1840, for information relative to the bonds to be executed by the Sheriff, and to suggest that with these provisions you have failed to comply.

It is desired, for very obvious reasons, and which need not be stated here, that, in making returns of the election of Justices of the Peace, the particular precincts, for which the Justices were respectively elected, be specified — and in all cases, that the names of the predeceſsors be given — when practicable — as well as the dates of their resignations, deaths, expiration of their respective terms &c, as the case may be.

Notwithstanding the repeated requests of this Department, you leave it in ignorance of the names — the dates of the election — of every thing relative to the bonds, &c. of the District Clerk — County Clerk — Coroner — Surveyor &c. &c. and the names and election of the Aſsociate Justices.

These Gentlemen (the Aſsociate Justices) having frequently to perform the duties of Chief Justice, it is eſsential their names, as well as the dates of their election, should be communicated to this Department.

I will only, in addition, direct your attention to the provisions of the 7th Sec of the act entitled "an act to provide for the return of Surveys, &c," approved Feby 6th 1840.

Your early and particular attention to these matters is most earnestly and respectfully invited

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect,

Your Obt. Servt.

John Hall
Acting Secretary of State.

Department of State,
Washington. Nov. 6th. 1843.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of the return of the election of David Hill, as County Surveyor of Harrison, and to advise you that a commiſsion for this Gentlemen will be forwarded, with great pleasure, as soon as his Official bond shall have been received at this Dept.

It is desired that you will inform the Dept. in respect to the name, the date of the election, bond &c. of the Clerk of the District Court of your County; and also the result of the legal proceedings which, it is understood, were instituted, some time since, in the proper Court, in relation to the County Clerkship. A knowledge of the decision of the Court, in this matter, is neceſsary for the governance of the Dept. in iſsuing the Commiſsion.

The Aſsociate Justices having frequently, under existing laws, to perform the duties of Chief Justice, it becomes important that the Dept. should be always informed of the names and election of these Officers.

It is desirable that you should not permit, in any case, a great length of time to elapse before making the return of the election of an Officer. And it is especially desired that you should mention in your returns, in every instance, when practicable, the name of the predeceſsor in Office, the date of his resignation, death, expiration of the term &c., as the case may be; and in the case of Justices, the precincts also for which they were respectively elected.

Your special attention is most respectfully invited to the various provisions of existing laws, in relation to the bonds of County Officers.

I regret exceedingly that it is not in the power of this Dept. to furnish copies of the acts of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth Congreſs.

They are not on hand. — I must remark, however, on this point, that all these acts have been, it is believed, furnished to your County heretofore, and in sufficient numbers. If they have not been deemed worthy of preservation, the fault, surely, can not rest with the Department of State.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your Obt. Servant,

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

To/
Lewis H. Dilliard, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Harrison County.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 9th 1843.

To/
The Associate Justices
Of Jefferson County.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to notify you that no return of the election for Major General, held in your County on the 4th Sept. last, has been received at this Dept.; and to request, in reference to this matter, your early attention.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your Obt. Servant —

John Hall
Chief Clerk

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 9th. 1843.

To
The Associate Justices
Of San Patricio County, Victoria.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to notify you that this Dept. has not received any return of the election for Major General, held in and for your County, on the 4th. Sept. last, and to request your early attention to this subject.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your Obedient Servant,

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 9th. 1843.

Chief Justice of Refugio County,
Victoria.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Hon. Secretary of State to notify you that this Dept. has not received any return of the election for Major General, held in your County on the 4th. Sept. last, and to request, in relation to this subject, your early attention.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Yr. Obt. Servt.

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 9th. 1843

Chief Justice of Goliad County.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Hon. Secretary of State to notify you that this Dept. has not received any return of the election for Major General, held for your County, on the 4th Sept. last, and to request, in reference to this matter, your early attention.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your Obt. Servt.

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 9th. 1843.

George M. Palmer, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Victoria County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to notify you that no return of the election for Major General, held in your County on the 4th. Sept. last, has been received at this Department, and to request in reference to this matter, your early attention.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Yr. Obt. Servant,

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 9th. 1843.

M. B. Lewis, Esquire,

Chief Justice of Jasper County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to inform you that a commission for William R. Goode, Esquire, as Sheriff of your County, will be forwarded, with great pleasure, so soon as this Dept. may be advised that the Official bond of that Gentleman has been placed on file in the Treasury Dept., as required by law.

It is requested that you will inform the Dept. fully in respect to the names, the dates of the election, bonds &c. of the Clerks of the District and County Courts of Jasper.

The Associate Justices having frequently, under existing laws, to perform the duties of Chief Justice, it becomes essential that this Dept. should be always informed of the names and election of those Officers.

It is desired that, in future, you will not permit a great length of time to elapse before making a return to this Dept. of the election of an Officer. And it is very desirable that you should specify in your returns, in every instance, when practicable, the name of the predecessor in Office, together with the date of his resignation, death, expiration of the term &c., as the case may be, and in the case of Justices, the particular precincts also for which they were elected.

Your attention is most respectfully invited to the various provisions of existing laws in relation to the bonds of County Officers.

It would seem from the returns to this Dept. that the Office of Chief Justice and that of Surveyor, in your County, are held by the same person. Is this the fact?

The Dept. would be pleased to hear from you, at as early a date as your convenience may may permit.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your Obt. Servt.

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

P.S. Is there but the one Justice in Precinct No. 6 in your County? What is the number of precincts in Jasper?

Department of State,
Washington, Nov: 14th. 1843.

Chief Justice of Jackson County.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Hon. Secretary of State to advise you that this Department has no information in respect to the names, the dates of the election, bonds &c. of the civil Officers of your County — and to request that you will, at an early date, furnish full information on this subject.

It is desired that you will specify, in your returns, in every instance, when practicable, the name of the predecessor in Office, together with the date of his resignation, death, expiration of the term &c., as the case may be; and in the case of Justices, the precincts also for which they were respectively elected.

The Associate Justices having frequently, under existing laws, to perform the duties of Chief Justice, it becomes essential that this Dept. be always informed of the names and election of those Officers.

Your attention is most respectfully invited to the provisions of the various acts of Congress, relating to the bonds of County Officers.

It is desirable that there be no further delay in reference to the return of the election for Major General, held in your County on the 4th Sept. last.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your Obt. Servant.

John Hall.
Chief Clerk.

P.S. Please address your communication, in reply, to the Secty of State.

Department of State,
Washington, Nov: 14th; 1843.

N. H. Eastland, Esquire,

Chief Justice of Fayette County.

Sir,

With the exception of the Chief Justice, the Coroner and Clerk of the District Court, this Dept is not advised in respect to the names, the dates of the elections bonds &c. of any of the County Officers of your County; and I am instructed by the Hon: Secretary of State to request you to furnish full information on this subject, at as early a date as your convenience may permit.

It is respectfully desired that you will specify, in your returns, in every instance, when practicable, the name of the predecessor in Office, together with the date of his resignation, death, expiration of the term &c; as the case may be; and in the case of Justices, the precincts also for which they were respectively elected.

The Associate Justices having frequently, under existing laws, to perform the duties of Chief Justices, it becomes important that the names and election of these Officers should always be known to the Dept.

Your attention is most respectfully invited to the provisions of the various acts of Congress, relating to bonds of County Officers.

It is desirable that there be no further delay in making the returns of the election for Major General, held in your County on the 4th. Sept last.

Please address your communication in reply, to the Secretary of State.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Yr: Obt: Servant,

John Hall,
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Dec. 2d 1843.

Sir,

Enclosed herewith, I have the honor to transmit you a contract of Colonization, between this Government and Messrs. William Pringle, James Grieve, and their associates; which document you will please deliver to Mr. William Kennedy of Galveston, the Agent of those Gentlemen, upon his signing the same in their behalf. I have further to request that you will certify to this Department, the delivery of this contract to Mr. Kennedy, and also the exact words in which he shall sign the same, in order that they may be superadded to the copy, which the law requires should be kept on file in this Office.

Some time since I received a communication from Mr. Lachlan M. Rate, our Consul General for Great Britain, residing at London, requesting that there should be an Officer, connected with the Government at Galveston; to whom he might refer emigrants from England, for information and advice on their arrival in Texas. In reply, I mentioned, that you would be a suitable person for such reference, until the establishment of an Office at Galveston, charged with the duty of promoting the interests of Colonization.

At the same time, I took occasion to say to Mr. Rate, that it would not be proper to recommend the emigration to Texas, from England, of persons who did not possess sufficient means to establish themselves in the business which they proposed to pursue in the country; and that persons of small capital, say from £300 to £1000, would only find it for their interest to come out, unless in connexion with a Colonization Company.

I have the honor to remain,
with the highest respect,
Your Most Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones,

To,

James H. Cocke, Esq.
Collector of Customs.
Galveston.

Department of State,
Washington, Dec. 13th. 1843.

Sir,

Mr Fernando Wood, a citizen of the State of New York, has recently made complaint to the Chargé d'Affaires of this Government to the United States, in relation to the conduct of our consul, for the Port of New York, John H. Brower, Esq. The charges put forward by Mr Wood are that Mr Brower refused on a recent occasion to make him an Official certificate, unleſs the fee was paid in advance, and that this refusal was accompanied with abusive language and treatment.

Mr Brower has replied to these allegations of misconduct, and in proof that they are unfounded, has referred this Dept to yourself, who, he thinks, was present at the time, I have therefore to request, that you will furnish me at your earliest convenience, with a statement of any facts or circumstances in relation to this matter, which may have come under your observation.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest respect,
Your Obedient Servt
Anson Jones.

To/
Ammon Underwood, Esq.
Columbia, Brazoria County.

Department of State,
Washington, Jany 13th 1844.

Meſsrs. Cruger & Moore,

Gentlemen,

This Department having been notified that you have been duly elected public printers for the eighth Congreſs, I have the honor to communicate, for your information, that the Secretary of State is prepared to enter into a Contract with you, in reference to the printing of the laws and journals of the said Congreſs.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your Obt Servant

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Jany 14th 1844.

Meſsrs. Cruger & Moore,

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 13th inst, addreſsed to the Hon. Secretary of State, and to say in reply, that inasmuch as this Department is not aware of your having entered into any Contract with the Hon. Congreſs, in reference to the Public Printing (for the eighth Congreſs) and inasmuch as you decline making any with this Department, no further correspondence is deemed neceſsary in relation to this subject.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obt Servt

John Hall,
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Jany 18th. 1844.

Ref

Meſsrs. Cruger & Moore,
Printers & Bookbinders.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure, in reply to your Note of the 16th inst., addreſsed to the Secretary of State, to inform you that, previous to the reception of said note, the matter of the public printing had been again placed in the hands of the printing committees of Congress, for such actions as might be deemed proper; and to refer you to them for any explanations which you may have to make, in relation to that matter.

Very respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Jany 19th. 1844

To/
Hon. G. W. Hill,
Secretary of War & Marine

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate the request of the Govt. of H. B. M. that warrants, in pursuance of the provisions of the treaty between Great Britain and the Republic of Texas, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, be issued to the Officers, herein after named, to wit:

Sloop	Ferret,	Commander,	Josiah Oake,	West Coast of Africa.
Brig	Rapid,	Lieut.	E. C. Earle.	Do.
"	Spy,	"	J. O. Woolidridge.	Do.
Sloop	Espoir	Commander	A. Morell.	Do
"	Alert	"	C. J. Bosanquet.	Do
Steam vessel	Albert	Lieut.	Daniel Woodriffe.	Do
" "	Hydra	Commander	N. B. Young.	Do.
" "	Penelope	Captain	William Jones	Do
Ship	Winchester	"	Charles Eden.	Cape of Good Hope.
"	Isis	Sir,	J. Marshall.	Do
"	Cleopatra	Captain	C. Wyvill.	Do.
Sloop	Bittern	Commander	E. Peel.	Do
Cutter	Arrow	Lieut.	W. Robinson	Do.
Steam Vessel	Thunderbolt	Commander	G. A. Brooke.	Do
Sloop	Sappho	"	Hon. G. Rose	Do.
Ship	Conway	Captain.	Robert Fair	Do.
"	Africa	"	J. B. Purvis	Brazil Station.

Ship	Daphne	Captain	J. J. Onslow	Brazil Station.
Sloop	Frolic	Commander	W. A. Willis	Do
Steam vessel	Ardent	"	J. Russel (CB)	Do.
" "	Growler	"	C. H. M. Buckle	Do.
Schooner	Viper	Lieut.	James Carter	Do.
"	Spider	"	R. C. Pym	Do.
Steam vessel	Gorgon	Captain	C. Notham	Do.
Ship	Caracoa	"	Sir T. Pasley	Do.
Sloop	Racer	Commander	A. Reed	Do.
Brig	Dolphin	Lieut.	W. O. B. Hoare	Do.
Ship	Illustrious	Captain	J. E. Erskine	N. America & W. Indies
"	Pique	"	Hon. M. Stopford.	Do.
"	Spartan	"	" C. G. J. B. Elliot.	Do
"	Volage	"	Sir W. Dickson Bt	Do
Sloop	Electra	Commander	A. Dailey	Do.
"	Albatross	"	R. Yorke	Do.
"	Ringdove	"	Sir M. Daniell	Do
"	Scylla	"	Robert Sharpe	Do.
"	Wasp	"	Henry Bagot	Do
Brig	Griffon	Lieut.	Chas Jenkin	Do
Schooner	Pickle	"	J. A. Bainbridge	Do
"	Fair Rosamond	"	A. G. Bulman	Do
"	Hornet	"	R. B. Miller	Do
Steam vessel	Hermes	"	W. Carr	Do
Sloop	Rose	Commander	N. R. Stert	Do
Ship	Inconstant	Captain	C. A. Fremantle	Do.
Sloop	Star	Commander	Robt J. W. Dunlap.	Coast of Africa.
Ship	Eurydice	Captain	George Elliot	North American and West Indian Station.
Sloop	Sealark	Commander	Thos L. Gooch	West Coast of African Station.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your Obt Servant,

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Jan. 22d 1844

Sir,

Agreeably to your request, I herewith, hand you a copy of the correspondence had with Messrs. Cruger & Moore, on the subject of the Public Printing, and also a copy of the Contract and Bond, which it was proposed they should execute.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt

Anson Jones.

To the Hon Mr Hunter,
Chairman Com. Public Printing
of the Senate

Same to Hon. Mr Lott, C. C. P. Printing of the House of Representatives.

Department of State,
Washington, Jan. 24th 1844

Hon. Wm E. Jones, of the H. of Reps.

Sir,

I take pleasure in communicating to you the request of this Department that the Secretary of State, be authorized to employ an additional Assistant Clerk. The necessity for this measure arises from the fact that two Clerks (the number at present authorized) are utterly unable to attend to the current business of the Office, and, at the same time, to record, in a proper manner, the correspondence of the Department — and which, for some time past, has very greatly increased, as Mr Jones, it is believed, can testify, from personal examination.

Your Obt Servant,

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Jan. 29 1844

Dear Sir,

Having placed the subject of the Public Printing, in the hands of the Committees of both Houses, I await their action on the same. The Bond proposed to have been executed, was I believe the same as was executed by the public printer to the last Congress. He, however, having completed his work, his bond has been returned to him. A copy of the bond proposed is in possession of the Printing Committee of the Senate, and an examination of that will I hope meet the object of your enquiry more fully.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect,

Your most Obt Servt

Anson Jones.

To the Hon. G. A. Pattillo,

Of the Senate &c. &c.

Department of State,
Washington, Jan'y 1st 1844.

No.

His Excellency, Sam. Houston,
President &c.

Sir,

In answer to a resolution of the Senate, adopted on the ult., asking for copies of certain correspondence between this Government and M. A. de Saligny, late Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty, the King of the French, relative to the reëstablishment of friendly relations between this Government and the Chargé d'Affaires of the King, and referred to the Department, I have the honor to state that, by reason of the detention of the Archives at the City of Austin, I am unable to furnish copies of any of the correspondence referred to, except the enclosed letter to Mr de Saligny, which comprizes all now in possession of the Department at this place.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your Obedient Servant.

Anson Jones.

State Department,
Washington, Dec. 16. 1843.

To His Excellency, Sam Houston,

President of the Republic.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit you the enclosed letter from D. J. Toler, Esq., Chief Clerk of the Bureau of the General Post Office, which comprises all the information in the possession of this Department called for in the Resolution of the Hon. the Senate.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Dec. 21st 1843.

To His Excellency,

Sam. Houston,

President &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a communication, (with accompanying documents) from the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of the General Post Office, in reply to a resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 20th inst., and asking for certain information in reference to Post Office Affairs.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Svt.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Decr 21st 1843

To
His Excellency, Sam. Houston,
President &c.

Sir,

In compliance with a Resolution of the Senate adopted on the 20th inst. requesting a copy of certain Resolutions of the Senate of Bremen, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the same.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Dec. 26 1843

To His Excellency, Sam Houston,
President &c.

Sir,

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 22d inst, and requesting His Excellency, the President, to inform the House, confidentially, what assurances and from what source he may have received them, respecting the release of our fellow-citizens in captivity by the Mexicans, I have the honor to transmit, herewith, the copy of an extract of a letter addressed by this Department to Capt Charles Elliot, H. B. M. Charge d'Affaires to the Republic of Texas, dated July 30th 1843; the reply of Capt Elliot, dated Augt 28th. 1843, and also the proclamation of your Excellency, relative to the release of Mexican prisoners in Texas, dated Sept 4th. 1843, which comprize all the information relative to this subject, in the possession of this Department.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Yr Obt Servt
Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, Feby 3d 1844

To,
Thomas William Ward, Esquire,

Commiſsioner of the Genl. Land Office.

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate, herewith, for your information, the copy of a contract, made and entered into, on the 29th. day of January 1844, between the President of the Republic, of the one part, and Charles Fenton Mercer, Esquire, for himself, and his aſsociates, of the other part, in reference to the colonization of a certain tract of land within the limits of the Republic of Texas.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Feby 7th. 1844

Meſsrs. Cruger & Moore,

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of yesterday, directed to the Secretary of State, informing him you are ready to commence the publication of the Laws of the 8th. Congreſs, and that Mr. Collier had been authorized to call at the State Department for such copies of said Laws as may be ready for the public printer &c.

In reply I am directed to inform you that copies of nearly all the Laws are ready, and also copies of the Journals of the House to the 16th. Jan. Copies of the Senate Journals, are being prepared by the C. Clerk of the House of Representatives, as he informed me, and will be in readineſs at an early day.

So soon therefore as you shall have-entered into the usual Contract, and given bond, with approved security, for the proper performance of the public printing, the copies will be delivered to you. The public interests, however, require that this preliminary Stipulation, should be entered into without delay.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington Feby 8th 1844

Hon. G W Hill,

Secretary of War & Marine

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate, herewith, the copy of a law, approved Feby 5th 1844, having reference to the Commission of the Major General of Militia, and also a Statement exhibiting the result of the election held on the fourth day of September, A. D. 1843 as per returns received at this Department.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yr Obt Servt

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, Feby 10th 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note, dated 5th inst., in reference to the vacancy in the Office of Chief Justice of the County of Fayette, occasioned by the removal of the Hon. I. W. Eastland, and in reply, have only to refer you to the 2d. Section of an act of the Congreſs, entitled "An Act giving the election of Chief Justices of County Courts to the people," approved 7th. Decr. 1841.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yr. Obt. Servant

Anson Jones

To,
A. A. Gardenier, Esquire.
Lagrange.

Department of State,
Washington, Feby 11th 1844

Meſsrs. Cruger & Moore,

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 9th. inst., addreſsed to the Hon. Secretary of State, and to say in reply, that a contract, in reference to the public printing, in accordance with the resolution of Congreſs and a clause in the General Appropriation bill, (which is the only one that can be approved by the Department) has been prepared, and is ready for signature.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servant,

John Hall,
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Feby 16th 1844

To/

Wm C. Young, Esquire,

District Attorney for the seventh
Judicial District.

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate, herewith, copies of certain correspondence of Gen. Wm S. Murphy, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States, &c &c &c with this Government, and my reply thereto, and have to request that you will make every proper effort to have arrested, and punished, in accordance with our laws, the individual who is represented, in the communication of Gen. Murphy, to have committed the offence, complained of.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obt Servant,

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, Feby 17. 1844

Hon G. W. Hill,
Secretary of War & Marine,
Sir,

I have the honor to communicate, for your information, the request of the Government of H Britannic Majesty that a warrant, under the provisions of the Treaty between Great Britain and the Republic of Texas, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, be issued to

Sir Cornwallis Rickets, Bart. of Her Majesty's Sloop "Hebla."

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yr Obt Servt

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Feby 18. 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th. inst., reminding me of the appointment of Maximilian Vanden Bergh, Esquire, as Consul of the Republic of Texas at Antwerp.

I have now the pleasure to enclose to you a Commiſsion for that Gentleman, and have only in addition, to expreſs my regret, that Official engagements which could not be disregarded, have prevented me from forwarding it, at a much earlier date.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yr Obt Servt

Anson Jones.

To/
H. A. Cobb, Esq.
Galveston

Department of State,
Washington, Feby 20th 1844.

To/
Thomas Wm Ward, Esquire,
Commiſsioner of the Genl Land Office

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, the copy of a Contract, made and entered into, between the President of the Republic, of the one part, and William Pringle, James Grieve and their Aſsociates, of the other part, in reference to the colonization of a certain tract of country, designated in the Contract aforesaid.

I have the honor to be,
With the highest regards,
Your Obt Servant

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Feby. 22d 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you, that copies of the laws of the eighth Congreſs, not heretofore furnished to the public printers, and also a copy of the abstracts of the private acts and Joint Resolutions of the eighth Congreſs, have been prepared; and now tender the same to you as the Agent of Meſsrs. Cruger & Moore, public printers for the eighth Congreſs.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obt. Servant

John Hall,
Chief Clerk, Dept. State.

To
H. H. Collier, Esq.
Agent of Meſsrs. Cruger & Moore
Public Printers
&c. &c. &c.

Department of State,
Washington, March 17th 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note, as well as the despatches from our Commiſsioners, at Matamoras, accompanying the same, under date of 10th inst. and take much pleasure in expreſsing to you, my great satisfaction, in reference to the manner you have discharged the duties that have been confided to you.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones

To
A. Neill, Esq.
San Antonio de Bexar.

Department of State,
Washington, March 19th 1844.

Dr J. M. Robertson,

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Government of the United States has, at length, consented to order the restoration of the two Slaves, stolen from you, by the Commanche Indians, in 1839, and now in the possession of Lucinda Edwards, of the Cherokee Nation.

Enclosed, herewith, is a copy of certain recent correspondence between the Govt of the U. States and Mr Van Zandt, our Minister near the Court of Washington, in relation to this subject, and which will place you in possession of all the material facts, and enable you to take such steps as may be proper in order to your recovery of the Slaves aforesaid.

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I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Yr Obt Servt

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, March 20th 1844.

Thomas Wm Ward, Esquire,

Comr of the Genl Land Office,

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, in pursuance of the provisions of an Act of the Congress, entitled; "An act to alter and amend the various acts relating to the duties of Chief Justices, and prescribing the manner in which Commissions shall be issued, and for other purposes, approved February 3d 1844, such of the bonds of County Surveyors as are, at present, on file, in the Office of this Department at Washington.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Yr. Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, March 23d 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate, for your information, the request of Her Britannic Majesty, that a warrant, under the provisions of the Treaty, between Great Britain and the Republic of Texas, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade be issued to

Francis Scott, Commander of Her Majesty's Sloop "Hyacinth" on the North American and West India Station.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Yr. Obt. Servant

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

M. C. Hamilton, Esquire
Acting Secy of War & Marine.

Department of State,
Washington, March 26th 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter addressed to this Department, on the 12th Inst., requesting copies of such laws that have reference to the duties of your Office as have been paſsed since the 5th Congreſs.

It will be impoſsible to comply with so much of your request as relates to the Laws of the 6th Congreſs, they being with the Archives of the Dept at Austin. Those of the Seventh and Eighth Congreſses will be made out and forwarded you at as early a period as practicable.

I have the honor to be,
with the highest respect,
Your Obt Servt

Anson Jones,

Thomas Wm Ward, Esquire,
Comr of the Genl Land Office.

Department of State,
Washington, March 29th 1844

Sir,

In reply to your communication under date of 28th ulto, addreſsed to His Excellency the President, and referred to this Department, in regard to a treaty of commerce between the two Republics of Texas and Bremen, I have the honor to state that, the subject was duly referred to the Hon: Congreſs for its consideration and action. That body, however, failed to take any action in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yr. Obt Servant.

Anson Jones.

D. H. Klaener, Esquire,
Consul of Bremen,
&c. &c. &c.
Galveston.

Department of State,
Washington, Mar. 11th 1844.

Major James H. Cocke,
Collector of Customs &c
Galveston.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to enclose to you certain drafts, amounting to twenty five hundred dollars, in favor of the Hon. Isaac Van Zandt

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Yr. Obt. Servant

John Hall
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Washington, Apl. 15th 1844

John P. Simpson, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Fannin County
Bonham.

Sir,

Enclosed, herewith, are sundry commiſsions for Civil Officers of your County. Your own Commiſsion has not been iſsued by reason of the fact that the Dept. is not advised of the date of your election.

It is most respectfully requested that you will communicate to this Department, at the earliest date practicable, the names of the District and County Clerks, the County Surveyor, Aſseſsor and Aſsociate Justices of your County, and also the precise dates of their respective elections. It is quite material that the Dept should have this information, and it is earnestly hoped that you will furnish it, without hesitancy or delay. The Dept. is desirous to know also the precise date of the resignation of Judge O'Neal.

Permit me to suggest to you the great

importance of your taking care that the Official bond of the Sheriff, District Clerk &c. &c. be forwarded at the proper time to the proper Officers.

You will perceive by examining an act of the Congreſs, entitled "an act to provide for the return of surveys", &c approved Feby. 5th 1840, that it is your duty to execute, without delay, a special bond as Receiver of Govt. dues on lands; and after having the same properly recorded to forward it to the Department of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Yr. Obt. Servant,

John Hale
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, Decr. 16. 1843

To
His Excellency,
Sam. Houston,
President &c

Sir,

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, dated 15th inst., requesting to be furnished with "copies of such correspondence as may have taken place between this Government and the Government of Great Britain, in relation to the claims of British subjects to lands in Texas," (and referred to this Dept.) I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of the correspondence, referred to, comprising all that has not been, heretofore, communicated to Congreſs.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, April 15th 1844

Cyrus H. Randolph, Esquire,
Chief Justice of Houston County
Crockett.

Sir,

Enclosed, herewith, are two Commissions for Justices of the Peace for your County.

It is respectfully requested that you will communicate to this Dept., without delay, the names of the Associate Justices of your County and also, the *precise* dates of their election as such.

In answer to your enquiry upon the subject, I will remark, that, under recent decisions of the Supreme Court, there is no such thing (so far at least as County Officers are concerned) as an "unexpired term." All County Officers are entitled to hold their Offices, for the term of two or four years (as the case may be) from and after the dates of their respective elections; notwithstanding they may have been elected *expressly* to fill the unexpired term of their predecessors in Office. The doctrine of the Supreme Court, in relation to this matter, (and to which we are bound to submit) is simply this — that, with the death, resignation, &c., of a County Officer, the term itself passes away — and that a new term commences, from and after the date of the election of the successor.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your Obt. Servant.

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

P. S. Please address your communications, as heretofore, to the Secretary of State.

Department of State,
Washington, Apl. 15. 1844.

Benj. B. Peck, Esqr.
Aſsociate Justice of
Gonzales County.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, under date of 10th Feby last, addreſsed to this Dept., and giving information of the election of certain Civil Officers for the County of Gonzales.

In reply, I have to communicate, for your information, that the returns (to this Dept.) of all elections for Civil Officers, must be made either by the Chief Justice, or Aſsociate Justices, acting in his stead. It is not competent to one of the Associate Justices to make the return. It should be signed by both. It is, therefore, respectfully requested, that in making Official returns of the election of Civil Officers for your County, the provisions and requirements of existing laws be duly observed.

Until a proper return be made, the Commiſsions, requested by you, can not be iſsued.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Yr. Obt. Servt.

John Hall
Chief Clerk.

(Circular letter to Chief Justices)

Department of State,
Washington, April 29. 1844.

To/

Hon. Chief Justice of the County of

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, in compliance with the requirements of an Act of Congreſs, entitled "An act regulating elections", approved February 5th 1844, certain forms of returns of election.

The seal, proper to be affixed in all election returns, is the seal of the County Court — which is your official seal — and this whether the return be attested by the

Chief Justice, or Associate Justices, acting in case of his inability, absence &c. If there be no Official Seal, the Chief Justice or Associates (as the case may be) should use his or their private Seal or Seals — or adopt the Scroll, by way of Seal — taking care, however, to recite the fact that such Official Seal had not been provided. Where the return is made by the Associates, it might not be improper to set forth, in the body of it, the particular cause which renders it their duty to make the return — such as the inability of the Chief Justice to act — his absence — the fact that there is no Chief Justice &c. &c.

Your attention is invited to the 1st Sec. of the Act above recited; and especially to the 9th Sec. of the Act of Congress, entitled "An act to alter and amend the various acts relating to the duties of Chief Justices, and prescribing the manner in which Commissions shall be issued, and for other purposes," approved February 3d 1844. You will perceive from an examination of the Section, last mentioned, that in many instances, the language of the return should be varied, in certain respects, to suit the particular circumstances of the case.

It is desired that the forms, herewith transmitted, as well as this communication, be carefully preserved in the Office of the County Court of your County, for the information of such as may be, in any manner, interested in the matters to which they relate.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obt. Servant
Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, May 17. 1844.

Thos. Wm. Ward, Esq.
Comr. Gen. Land Office.
Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, for your information, the copy of a letter, recently received at this Dept, from Major P. J. Pillans, Agent of Gen. Charles Fenton Mercer et al., under date of March 11th 1844.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, Yr Obt. Servt
Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, May 24. 1844

To,

Major P. J. Pillans
Bonham.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, under date of 11th March last, relative to the boundaries of Genl. Charles F. Mercer's colonization contract; and to add that, by direction of Hon. Secy. of State, a copy of your communication was forthwith transmitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Austin.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
John Hall
Chief Clerk.

Department of State,
Washington, May 20th. 1844

James H. Cocke, Esquire,
Collector of Customs &c.

Sir,

Enclosed you will find a draft for $1.000. par money, drawn on you, which amount you will please pay to Geo. A. Smith, Attorney of Hon. Ashbel Smith, Chargé d'Affaires to France. On the payment of the money, you will please have the accompanying receipt signed, and forward the same by the first safe opportunity to this Dept.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servt.
John Hall - Chf. Clk.

Recd. of Anson Jones, Secy. of State, one thousand dollars par money, the same being on account of the salary of Hon. A. Smith, Chargé d'Affaires to France.

Department of State
Washington June 8th 1844

Hon G. W. Hill
Secretary of War & Marine

Sir,

I have the honor to communicate the request of the Govt of H. B. Majesty that Warrants in pursuance of the provisions of the treaty of 16th November 1840, between the Republic of Texas and Great Britain, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, be issued to the Officers, hereinafter named, to wit;

H. M. S. Gorgon Captain & [illegible] W. Coast of Africa
" " " Larne Commander W. T. Butler Do
" " " Growler " C. H. M. Buckle Do
" " " Ardent " Jno. Russell Do
" " " Prometheus Lieut W. M. L. G. Pasco Do

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your Obedient Servant

Anson Jones

Department of State
Washington July 11th 1844

Major P. L. Pillans
Bonham – Fannin County

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of 27th May last, requesting certain information in regard to the boundaries of the tract of country assigned to the Cherokees &c.

The books and papers of this Department at Washington do not enable me to furnish the information you desire. I have however, caused to be transmitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, at Austin, a copy of your communication, with the hope that he may be able to give you full and satisfactory information in regard to the matters referred to.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Yr Obt Servant
Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, July 15th 1844

Benj. F. Neal, Esq.
Chief Justice of Refugio County.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Note, addreſsed to this Dept., under date of 6th inst., relative to the reorganization of the County of Refugio.

There can be no question, in regard to your authority (as it seems to me) to reorganize the County of Refugio, and I am greatly pleased to hear of your return, and your intention to resume the duties of your Office.

I do not deem it proper to undertake to decide the legal questions presented in your communication.

It, is however, well known that you are the Chief Justice of the County of Refugio — and as such, that you have the requisite authority to order elections &c.

I send you, herewith, for your governance, certain forms of returns of elections, directed by an Act paſsed at the last Seſsion of Congreſs, as well as the acts of the sixth, seventh, and eighth Congreſs.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

Anson Jones.

Department of State,
Washington, Augt. 8. 1844.

Col. E. L. R. Wheelock,

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, addreſsed to this Dept., under date of 21st ulto. with a view to perpetuate the testimony of rights and privileges, which you may have acquired by reason of certain discoveries made by you in 1834 and 1836.

Your communication will be laid

before His Excellency, the President, for his consideration immediately upon his return to the Seat of Government. In the mean time, this Dept. is prepared to grant you, whenever it may be desired, a license, under the provisions of the Act of Congreſs, entitled, An Act "To incorporate the Colorado Mining Company, and other companies for similar purposes" — Approved 17th January 1842, provided the mines discovered by you be situated South of the Indian line, established by the Seventh Congreſs. If they be situated, however, North of this line, the license should iſsue from the Executive Department.

I have the honor to be, with very great respect, Yr Obt Servant.

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, Augt 23. 1844.

E. Le. Ripley Wheelock, Esq.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your Note, under date of 15th inst., and to say in reply that inasmuch as your discoveries seem to be North of the Indian line, referred to in my letter of 8th inst.; it might, perhaps, have been more advisable that your communication should have been addreſsed to the Executive Department.

I will, however, cause a copy of your communication to be laid before His Excellency, the President, immediately upon his return to the Seat of Government.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
Yr Obt Servt

Anson Jones

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Department of State,
Washington, Sept. 16. 1844.

Hon. G. W. Hill
Secretary of War & Marine.

Sir,

I have the honor to advise you of the request of the Government of H. B. M. (communicated in a despatch of Capt. Elliot, addressed to this Department, under date of Aug. 31st. 1844) that warrants, under the provisions of the Treaty between this Republic of Texas and Great Britain, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, be issued to the following officers, employed in the Naval Service of Her Majesty, to wit:

H. M. Sloop Frolic Comr. C. B. Hamilton,
Brazil Station.
H. M. S. [illegible] Comr. Henry [illegible]
Coast of Africa Station.
H. M. Sloop [illegible] Comr. Sir Wm. [illegible]
Coast of Africa
H. M. Sloop Albatross Comr. Reginald [illegible]
Coast of Africa

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant,

Anson Jones

Department of State,
Washington, Oct. 30th 1844

Hon. G. W. Hill,
Secretary of War & Marine
Sir

I am directed by the Sec. of State to communicate the request of the Agent of H. B. M. that a warrant, under the provisions of the Treaty between the Republic of Texas and Great Britain, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, be issued to Captain William [illegible] of Her Majesty's Ship [illegible] now employed on the Cape of Good Hope station.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
[illegible] Chief Clerk

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 11th. 1844.

Hon. J. F. Dilliard
Chief Justice Harrison County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, addressed to this Department, under date of 29th Oct. ult., soliciting the advice of this Department, in reference to the course proper to be pursued by you, in regard to the County Clerkship of your County.

In reply, it is deemed necessary merely to remind you that this is not the Law Department of the Government. There can be no hesitancy, however, in repeating to you the substance of decisions of the Supreme Court, as understood at this Department, and which, most certainly, reach the case involved.

In relation to County Officers, there is no such thing as an unexpired term. The party elected is entitled to hold his Office for and during the term prescribed by law. Upon his death, resignation &c., however, before the expiration of his term, — the term itself perishes — and a new term commences — not from the date of the death, resignation &c. of the predecessor, but from the date of the election of the successor. —

It is hoped that this explanation may be to you entirely satisfactory.

Very respectfully,
Yr. Obt. Servant.

John Hall
Chief Clerk

Department of State,
Washington, Nov. 13th 1844

Hon. G. W. Hill,
Secretary of War & Marine:

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon. Secretary of State to communicate the request of the Govt of H. B. Majesty, that warrants, in conformity with the provisions of the Treaty, between the Republic of Texas and Great Britain, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade, be issued for the undermentioned Officers and Ships (to be employed on the Coast of Africa Station) to wit:

Steam Vessel "Prometheus" Commander John Hay, Coast of Africa Station.
H. M. Sloop "Cygnet" Commander Henry Layton, Coast of Africa Station

Very respectfully
Yr Obt Servant

John Hall
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Washington, Decr 13th 1845

To/ His Excellency
Anson Jones
President
&c &c &c

Sir.

I have the honor, in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, adopted on the 12th inst, and referred to this Department, to transmit, herewith, the copy of the only contract, entered into, between the Government on the one part, and individuals, or companies, on the other part, for the purpose of Colonizing the public domain, since the first day of January 1844

I have the honor to be,
with very great respect,
Your Obt Servant

E Allen
Attorney General
and Secretary of State ad interim

Department of State
Washington, Decr 16th 1845.

To/ His Excellency
Anson Jones
President
&c &c &c.

Sir,

I have the honor, in obedience to a resolution of the Hon. House of Representatives, adopted on the 11th inst, and referred to this Department, calling for certain information, in reference to the affairs of the Bureau of the General Post Office, to transmit, herewith, the report of the Acting Chief Clerk of that Bureau, as well as the accompanying documents: marked 1.2 and 3.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully,
Your Obt Servant

Ebn Allen
Attorney General
and Secretary of State ad interim

Department of State
June 21st 1845

To/ His Excellency
Anson Jones
President
&c &c &c

Sir

In compliance with a resolution of the Senate, dated 20th inst. "that the President be and he is hereby respectfully requested to lay before the Senate copies of all the late correspondence between this Government and the Chargé d' Affaires of the United States of America, if in his opinion not incompatible to the public interest" (which referred to this Department), I have the honor to transmit herewith copies of the correspondence referred to, comprising all that has not been heretofore made public.

I have the honor to be,
Your Obt Servant

Ebn Allen
Secretary of State
ad interim

Department of State
Washington 27th Jany 1845

To
His Excellency
Anson Jones
President
&c &c &c

The Secretary of State, *ad interim*, to whom was referred the Resolution adopted by the Senate on the 20th instant requesting the President "to communicate to the Senate such of the correspondence between this Government and all other Governments touching the subject of annexation to the United States and the Independence of Texas, as in his opinion may be without prejudice to the public interest;" has the honor to lay before the President copies of all communications indicated by the Resolution referred to accruing since the adjournment of the last Congress not heretofore transmitted, in accordance with the late Resolution of the Senate; together with copies of three several despatches from Mr Smith late *Chargé d'Affaires* from this Republic to Great Britain and France relating to the separate Independence of Texas and her Annexation to the United States:- all which is respectfully submitted

Ebenr Allen

Department of State
Washington, 29th Jany 1845

To
Hon M. P. Norton

I am instructed by His Excellency, the President, to acknowledge the receipt of your note, addressed to him, on yesterday, tendering your resignation of the Office of Judge of the District Court for the 6th Judicial District, to which you were appointed by His Excellency the late President and to inform you, that your resignation is accepted.

The President regrets the necessity which you believe to exist, impelling you to adopt this step; and I am happy to bear testimony to the confidence manifested by the people and the Government in your fitness and ability to discharge the important duties of the Office from which you retire.

I am with high regard,
Your friend and Obt Servant

E. Allen
Secretary of State ad interim

Department of State
Washington Jany 30th 1845

To
His Excellency
Anson Jones
President
&c &c &c

The Secretary of State ad interim to whom was referred a resolution of the House of Representatives on the 17th inst requesting the President, "to lay before this House as soon as practicable, a copy of the contract made by this Government with C. Fenton Mercer, also copies of all documents relating thereto; and also a copy of the Report of said Mercer or his Agent, if such there be in the possession of the Government," has the honor to lay before the President the copies of the Contract and report indicated, which comprise all the documents on file in the Department in relation thereto. All of which is respectfully submitted

Ebenr Allen

Department of State
Washington, Feby 8th 1845

Thomas Wm Ward Esqr
Comr Genl Land Office

Sir,

I have the honor of transmitting, herewith, the Official Bond of Thomas Simmons, Surveyor in and for the County of Jackson; which bond was recently forwarded to this Department

With great respect
Your Obt Servant

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Feby 8th 1845

To Hon Benjamin F. Neal
late Chief Justice of Refugio County

Sir,

Your communication of 28th Decr to this Department tendering your resignation of the Office of Chief Justice of Refugio County has been received and I am directed by the Hon Secretary of State to notify you of its acceptance

With great respect
I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Washington Feby 13. 1845

Ben F Hill, Esqr.

Sir,

Your note of this date informing me that you have been requested by sundry citizens of Fayette County, to ascertain, if possible, whether or not Mr Taylor's authority to arrest a Capt Dawson was granted by the Executive of the Republic of Texas," and stating that great excitement "seems to pervade the whole County and much bloodshed may be prevented by timely information," has just been received, and I hasten to furnish you with the information desired, from the records of this Department, that occurrences of the nature to which you allude may be averted.

A Proclamation was issued by the late Executive under date of 17th October 1844, authorising the arrest of James E. Dawson and John R. Baylor, and at the request of Col Taylor of Arkansas preferred to this Department, by the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States it was renewed by the present Executive under date of 10th December 1844. a certified copy of which is herewith transmitted, and which it is hoped will be satisfactory to the citizens of Fayette County.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

P.S. Since writing the foregoing, I have seen His Excellency, the President, who instructs me further to add, that Col Taylor of Arkansas is the properly authorised person on the part of the authorities of the United States to arrest the said fugitives from justice and convey them to the United States

J. C. E.

Department of State
Saturday Evening 7 O'clock July 15th 1843

Capt. A. J. Nicholson,

Sir,

The express arrived at this place this day at about one O'clock P.M. and directly thereafter Mr. B. McNeill, laid before me a communication, a copy of which I enclose, to which, I immediately replied, giving him the official information required, as you will perceive by duplicate copies, which are also accompanying this communication.

A few moments since it was discovered that the individual (C. McNelly) who bore the express, and to whom the return documents were entrusted, was in such a state of inebriation as to render it uncertain whether he would be able to return and execute the important matters intrusted to him, so as to be of service to the law abiding Citizens of Fayette, it is deemed expedient that duplicates should be made out and despatched to you by a confidential person, in order, if possible, that calamities so much to be deplored by every good and loyal Citizen of the Republic should be averted.

A trusty person, therefore, has been engaged by instructions from His Excellency, the President to place in your hands these documents, they being duplicates of those entrusted to Mr. McNelly, with the sincere hope that the difficulties alluded to in McNeill's note may be thus effectually obviated.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your mo. Obt Servant

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Feby 18th 1845

Hon Geo H Palmer
Chief Justice of the County of Victoria

Sir,

Your communication of 5th December 1844. accompanying the return of an election held in the Town of Victoria for County Surveyor of the depopulated County of Goliad, has been received

I am directed by the Hon Secretary of State to say, that owing to the irregularity of the election and return, the Department declines taking any action upon it.

Very Respectfully,
Your Mo. Obt Servant
J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk.

Department of State
Washington Feby 22d 1845

Hon Irvin Morrison
Chief Justice of the County of Montgomery

Sir,

By returns of election from the associate Justices of Montgomery County it appears that you having received the greatest number of votes polled was duly elected to the Office of Chief Justice aforesaid. Your Commission therefore, as such, has been made out, but owing to the absence of His Excellency, the President is yet without his signature - It will be forwarded to you immediately on his return.

Under these circumstances this Department is clearly of the opinion, that you are authorised to proceed in the discharge of your duties as Chief Justice so soon as (by taking the oath of Office) you are qualified.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully
Your mo. obt servant

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Washington on the Brazos
March 1st 1845.

To
The Editor of the "Red Lander"
San Augustine

Sir,

You will cause three insertions of the annexed Act to be published in the "Red Lander," heading the publication with the words, "By order of the Secretary of State" and forward your account to this Department for settlement.

By direction of the Secretary of State

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Washington March 15th 1845

R. C. Campbell Esq

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive a certified copy of an Act for the relief of the heirs of James Garrard, deceased.

The Secretary of War and Marine to whom was referred a portion of your letter, relative to issuing certificates for the land to you, declines issuing them until you produce the evidence that you are the agent of the parties interested, when you will have to present yourself at the War Department, or appoint an attorney, in order to give the necessary receipts &c required by the Department in such cases.

I have the honor to be,
very Respectfully
Your mo. Obt. Servant.

J C Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Washington on the Brazos.
March 18. 1845

Messrs Kauffman & Co
Gentlemen.

Immediately on my return to the Seat of Government, my attention was given to the letter you addressed me touching the payment of discriminating duties by certain vessels of yours in the Port of Galveston then loading for the free City of Bremen.

I regret to have to inform you that the Treaty negotiated between Texas and Bremen being submitted to the Senate of Texas, was, by that body laid on its Table, and was not called up during the late session for action thereon. The Treaty therefore not being ratified, the commerce of Texas with Bremen is yet on the same footing as with other countries between which and Texas no Treaty relations exist. I had the honor to address a letter some days since on this subject to Mr Klaener the Consul for Bremen at Galveston.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your most obed Servant

Ashbel Smith

Department of State.
Washington on the Brazos.
March 24. 1845

To Capt. S B Tichenor

Sir,

In compliance with the request of Stewart Newell, Esqr. United States Consul, I forward to your care, one leather trunk, two carpet bags, two boxes and one umbrella, the effects of the late Genl. Tilghman A Howard, United States Charge d'Affaires, to be delivered to Mr Newell at Galveston.

You will oblige the Department by acknowledging the receipt of the several articles

Respectfully

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
April 5th 1845

Hon. M. B. Davis
Chief Justice of Jasper County

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 25th February, transmitting the depositions of James M. and Ezekiel Roebuck, relating to the murder of Andrew Montgomery.

I regret to inform you, in reply, that Congress has made no appropriation for the payment of rewards for the apprehension of Murderers, and that therefore the Executive action on this subject, which you desire cannot be taken.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, your obt servant

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk & Actg Secretary

Department of State
April 7th 1845

Daniel D Culp, Esqr.
Notary Public of Harris County

Sir,

Your commission as Notary Public for the County of Harris having expired, I have been instructed by His Excellency the President, to re-commission you to the same Office, which has been done, and commission to take effect from the expiration of your previous Term is herewith transmitted.

Of its receipt you will please inform the Department.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.

J. C. Eldredge
Acting Secretary.

Department of State
Washington, April 10th 1845

To/ The Clerk of the District Court
of the County of Fannin

Sir,

The petition of sundry citizens of Fannin County to His Excellency, the President, praying for the remission of the penalty incurred by one Lemuel Hill upon his conviction for an assault and Battery at the September Term of the District Court for that County, has been received and laid before the Executive.

Upon examination of the case no sufficient considerations are apparent rendering this a proper case for the intervention of Executive Clemency, and the Law must consequently take its course.

Of this decision of His Excellency

you will please notify the parties interested

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servant

Ebenr Allen
Acting Secretary of State

Department of State
Washington, April 10. 1845.

Thomas Wm Ward, Esquire
Comr Genl Land Office

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication under date of 29th Ultimo.

In answer to your inquiry, as regards the election of Surveyor for San Augustine County, I have the pleasure of informing you that, F B Dixon, resigned his Office, as County Surveyor, on the 6th of January 1845. and that, Ira Ellis was elected his successor, on the 3d day of February 1845. Owing to the manner in which returns of elections are received at this Department it is impossible to furnish (as a general rule) the information you desire; but whenever, any conflictions arise in the returns of elections, the Department have always ascertained the facts from the proper source, previous to forwarding the necessary information to the different Departments of the Government. All the information, however, within the possession of the Department will be cheerfully communicated to you.

With great respect,
Your very obt Servant

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
April 24th 1845

Wm. G. Lewis. Esqr.
Nacogdoches.

Sir.

In the absence of the Hon Acting Secretary of State, I am instructed by His Excellency the President to acknowledge the receipt of your note of 10th instant. transmitting copies of "two of the Judgments on the criminal docket of the District Court"; and say to you, in reply, that upon an examination of the case he does not conceive this a proper one for the intervention of Executive clemency, and that, therefore, the Law must take its course.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

J. C. Eldredge
Chief Clerk

Department of State
Washington, 4th. Feby 1845

James Bourland, Esqr.
Collector &c &c

Sir,

His Excellency, the President, has instructed me to inform you that, owing to the confidence inspired by the faithful and energetic discharge of your duty, in the Office of Collector of the Revenue in the Collection District of Red River, heretofore, he is pleased to continue you in the Office in your charge - confiding the discharge of the important trusts incident to that station to your fidelity and acknowledged ability. You are authorized to continue accordingly in the performance of your duties as Collector of the District aforesaid, and in the enjoyment of the compensation and perquisites thereof, under the authority already granted you.

I remain,

Your friend and Obt Servant

Ebenr Allen

Secretary of State, ad interim

Department of State
Washington 22 January 1845

Hon. Duff Green,

Sir,

The note which you addressed to the Undersigned, on the 31st Ultimo, has been received at this Department; and in reply to your request contained therein, that the Undersigned would furnish you with a statement of the circumstances which induced the President to make the Proclamation revoking your Exequatur, as Consul at Galveston, the Undersigned has the permission of His Excellency, to inform you, that the circumstances which resulted in the revocation of your recognition as Consul, originated in conversations which you had with His Excellency at the Executive Department, on the 30th Ultimo and on previous occasions, relating to a bill, pending before the Senate, to provide for the incorporation of an institution to be called "The Texas Land Company," and to a bill proposed to be introduced for the incorporation of "The Del-norte Company," in the success of which measures, you manifested much personal interest; and your attempt to secure the influence of the Executive: first by an offer to bribe His Excellency to favor the projected schemes; and secondly, by threats to revolutionize the country and overthrow the Government, if His Excellency should not favor the passage of those bills — caused the President to issue the Proclamation referred to.

Your Obt Servant

Ebenr Allen

Department of State
April 28th. 1845

Hon. [illegible]
[illegible]

Sir,

Your note of 15th Ultimo has ever been received, enclosing the resignation of your seat in Congress. I am instructed by the President to accept and to notify you of its acceptance.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant

J. C. Eldredge
Acting Secretary of State.

Department of State
April 28. 1845

Major James H. Cocke
Collector Galveston
Etc. Etc. Etc.

Sir,

Enclosed I send you a commission for the Chief Justice of Galveston County, which please forward without delay and confer a favor on the Department.

Respectfully
Your Obt Servant

J. C. Eldredge
Acting Secretary of State.

Republic of Texas
Department of State

To all whom it may concern:

Whereas [illegible] a citizen of this Republic having expressed a desire to visit foreign countries the undersigned Acting Secretary of State of the Republic of Texas by these presents requests that the said [illegible] be permitted freely to pass and repass through the United States of America and any parts of countries in amity with this Republic, and in case of need to render him lawful aid and assistance, he conducting himself according to the laws and customs of such countries.

{L.S.}

Given under my hand and the Official Seal of the Department at Washington this 16th day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five and of the Independence of the Republic the tenth.

J. C. Eldredge
Acting Secretary of State

Department of State
May 16th 1845

To J. C. Eldredge, Esquire
Chief Clerk
Department of State

Sir
Leave of absence from the Department is hereby granted you to visit your friends in the United States.

Mr Charles Mariner will act as chief clerk during your absence. Should any special cause arise for your return before the time intended by you, you will receive notice from the Depa

to that effect, which it is expected you will be governed by
With wishes for your health and happiness,

I have the honor to be,
Your Obt Servant.
Ebnr Allen
Atty Genl and Secy of State ad interim

Department of State
May 15. 1845.

To Mr Charles Mariner
&c &c &c

Sir,

You are hereby requested to act as chief clerk of the Department during the absence of Mr Eldridge to the United States.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
E Allen
Atty Genl & Secy of State ad interim

Department of State
Washington 23d June 1845

To His Excellency
Anson Jones
President
&c &c &c

Sir,

In answer to the Resolution of the Hon. the House of Representatives adopted on the 21st inst and referred to this Department, calling upon your Excellency for "a copy of the preliminary Treaty and correspondence between this Government and that of Mexico, or in any manner connected therewith, referred to in the Executive Message of the 17th inst. and also all correspondence had with the Representatives of the Governments of France and England, touching negotiations with Mexico for a recognition of our independence and in relation to annexation"; I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that, aside from the Preliminary Treaty and correspondence, recently referred to, and still retained by the Senate, there has been no correspondence of the kind indicated by the resolution - neither with the Government of Mexico nor with the Representatives of the Governments of France and England, not heretofore furnished to the Congress in pursuance of your Excellency's instructions under former resolutions.

Until the Honorable Senate shall return the aforesaid Treaty and correspondence in their possession, it will be beyond the power of this Department to furnish the Copy thereof requested by the Hon. the House of Representatives.

Very respectfully
Your Excellency's
Obedient servant

Ebn Allen
Acting Secretary of State

Department of State
Washington 23 June 1845

To His Excellency
The President of the Republic of Texas

Sir,

In answer to the Resolution of the Hon. the Senate, adopted on the 21st instant, and referred to this Department, requesting to be informed whether any other propositions, than those confided to the Senate, have been made by Mexico; and asking that such propositions, if any, with all correspondence thereon the subject be laid before the Senate; also requesting information whether any Texian Agent or Officer of other description was employed in negotiating the conditions preliminary to a Treaty with Mexico now before the Senate; and if so, the person, rank and instructions under which he acted;- I have the honor to reply, that no propositions other than those now before the Senate have been made by Mexico to this Government; and that, with those propositions all correspondence had upon the subject, has already been submitted to the Senate.

In relation to the request contained in the latter part of the aforesaid Resolution, I reply respectfully but categorically, that no Texian Agent or Officer of any description was employed by this Government in negotiating with Mexico the conditions of that Preliminary Treaty.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Excellency's
Obedient Servant

Ebnr Allen
Acting Secretary of State.

Department of State
Washington, June 25. 1845

To
His Excellency
Anson Jones
President
&c &c &c

Sir,

In answer to the Resolution of the Hon. the Senate, adopted on the 20th Instant, and referred to this Department, requesting to be furnished with "all the correspondence that has taken place between this Government and the British and Mexican Governments, since the adjournment of the ninth Congress," I have the honor to transmit, herewith, all the correspondence in the possession of the Department required in the said Resolution, not heretofore furnished.

Very respectfully,
Your Excellency's
obedient Servant.

Ebn Allen
Actg Secy of State

Department of State
Washington 2 July 1845

To
Wm D Lee, Esqr.

Sir,

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you by direction of His Excellency the President a Commission, authorising you to discharge the functions of Secretary to the Legation of Texas in the United States- And you are accordingly empowered to enter, as soon as practicable upon the duties of that Office.

The fact however that no appropriation for the payment of Secretary of Legations has been made by Congress, makes it necessary for me to inform you, that in going to Washington and acting in your official character, you will have to proceed upon your own expense, and without expectation of any remuneration or recompense from this Government.

I am with sentiments of high respect
Your obedient Servant

Ebn Allen
Secretary of State

Department of State
Saturday morning July 5th 1845.

The Officers connected with the different Departments of the Government at Washington are directed to close the same, during this day, in consequence of the reported decease of the Hon K L Anderson, Vice President of the Republic; and are notified to assemble at the Executive Department at five Oclock this evening

Ebnr Allen
Secretary of State

Department of State
Washington, July 25 1845.

Messrs D E Kauffman & Co.

Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your communication, under date of 29th Ultimo, with copy of an original Bill in your possession, subjoined thereto, drawn by L I Herkenrath, Texian Consul, on the Secretary of State of Texas, in favor of Messrs Herckenrath and Van Damme of New York for the sum of $69\frac{62}{100}$ dollars, and dated at Amsterdam Dec 31st 1844.

Enclosed, herewith, is a Treasury Warrant No 3011, made payable at the Galveston Custom House, and endorsed subject to the order of your firm.

Please Transmit the original draft by mail to this Department, when you may have collected the warrant forwarded you for the purpose of paying the same.

I am,
Very respectfully
Your obt Servant

Ebnr Allen
Secretary of State

Department of State
Washington 28 July 1845

Mrs Mary E A Shotwell.

Madam- I forward to you, by direction of the President, the enclosed official letter addressed to the Governor of Louisiana, requesting the remitter of Moore and Stevens, by such person as you may select to be the bearer of the letter and the delivery of the slaves to the same person, to be restored to you.

You will notice the two blank spaces in the letter, which you are at liberty to fill with the name of any agent you may select and confide in to do the business, informing this Department of the same.

The person thus selected will bear the letter to Governor Mouton, who will no doubt comply with the requests contained in it.

With earnest wishes for your success in recovering the property whereof you have been so unjustly deprived, please accept the distinguished consideration with which I have the honor to be,

Your very obt Servant

Ebn Allen
Secretary of State.

To His Excellency A Mouton,
Governor of the State of Louisiana,

Anson Jones, President of the Republic of Texas sendeth Salutations:

Authentic proof has been furnished to us, manifestly showing, that our worthy and estimable citizen Mrs Mary E A Shotwell of the County of Nacogdoches in this Republic was feloniously robbed and plundered of the following slaves: Each being her own property, and of great value, viz:- Carr, King, Washington, Julia Ann and Child, Jenny, Martha and Frank, during the night of the 24th of April ultimo; by Nicholas J Moore and Samuel Stevens, aided by other evil disposed persons- All of whom being armed with deadly weapons violently assaulted one Louis B Taliaferro, at the dwelling

Mrs Shotwell aforesaid, who was then absent, and by putting him in fear, forced from his custody and immediate possession each and all the aforesaid slaves, together with other articles of value; That the said Moore and Stivers having thus criminally and in violation of the Laws of this Republic obtained possession of said slaves, soon afterwards took them to New Orleans, where, as is represented, they were arrested under a charge of having violated the criminal Laws of Louisiana by the introduction of said Slaves, and, together with the slaves are held in custody by the authorities of that State. Mrs. Shotwell having thus wrongfully been deprived of her property, it is highly desirable, not only that the same should be restored to her, but also that the perpetrators of the crime should be tried and, if found guilty, punished within our jurisdiction.

These are therefore to request that Your Excellency will cause the said Moore and Stivers to be delivered over to the custody of   The bearer hereof, whom we empower to receive and keep them in custody, to the end that they be remitted to the County of Nacogdoches aforesaid for Trial: And also that your Excellency will cause all and singular the Slaves aforesaid to be delivered to the said   who will restore them to their lawful owner Mrs. Mary E A Shotwell aforesaid.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Great Seal of the Republic to be hereunto affixed.

{ L.S. }

Done at Washington, the Twenty fifth day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty five, and of the Independence of the Republic the Tenth.

Anson Jones

Ebn Allen
Secretary of State.

Department of State
Washington, August 30th 1845

To Dr. J. W. Robertson
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit, herewith, the copy of a communication, dated July 29th 1845, from T. Hartley Crawford, Esquire, Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the United States, addressed to the Hon Andrew J Donelson, United States Charge' d'Affaires to Texas, relative to your negroes now in the Creek nation.

Very respectfully,
Your mo. obt. Servant,

Chas Mariner
Acting Chief Clerk

Department of State
Austin Nov 29th 1845

Hon [illegible]
&c &c &c

Sir,

Enclosed I have the pleasure of handing you a commission for William [illegible], Esquire, as Notary Public for the county of Liberty which you will be kind enough to forward to him, the Department not being informed of his immediate place of residence.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
your obt servant

Joseph C. Eldredge
Actg Secretary of State

Department of State
Austin Nov 29th 1845

Messrs Sims & McLellan
Gentlemen

Enclosed I hand you a Treasury warrant for the amount due you ($14) for inserting recent proclamations of the President in the LaGrange Intelligencer. It will, as you perceive, require your endorsement before it can be paid at the Treasury.

Very Respectfully,
your Obt. Servant

Joseph C. Eldredge
Acting Secretary.

Department of State
Austin Nov 11th 1845

Robt D Johnson, Esqr,
Post Master,
Galveston,

Sir,

Herewith, I forward under cover to you a package containing the Constitution of the "State of Texas" which you will please forward by first mail to the United States and notify this Department of your having done so.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant

Joseph C. Eldredge
Actg. Secy of State

Department of State
Austin, October 15. 1845

Col Wm G Cooke
Secretary of War and Marine

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of His Excellency the President, to transmit, herewith, for your consideration, the copy of a communication from the Hon W. L. Marcy, Secy of War of the United States, addressed to Hon David Kaufman, Agent &c &c &c, on the subject of a commission to treat with the Comanche Indians.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant

Joseph C. Eldredge.
Actg Secy of State

Department of State
Austin Jany 3d 1846

J. C. Eldredge,
Chief Clerk &c

Sir,

Leave of absence is hereby granted you to visit San Antonio. Mr Charles Mariner will act as Chief Clerk of the Department until your return.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Ebnr Allen
Secy of State

Republic of Texas
Department of State
January 25th 1846

To
The Hon Secretary of State
of the State of Mississippi.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Map of the State of Mississippi, through the Agency of Mr John La Tourette of New York "in the name of the State of Mississippi," according to a resolution passed by the Legislature of said State in 1840 authorising him to furnish each and every State and Territory of the United States with a Copy of the same.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your most obedient servant
Joseph C. Eldredge
Acting Secretary of State

Department of State
Austin Feby 1st 1846

Hon. Thos M. Lewis
Chief Justice
Jefferson County

Sir,

Your note or certificate under date of 16th Decr last, concerning the recent election in your County has been received at this Department. It is your duty to make returns of the number of votes polled for the several candidates, according to the requirements of Article 13 section 7 of the State Constitution. You are not the Judge of the legality of the elections, nor is it competent for you to determine whether or not the election was conducted according to law. To decide in such cases

a the [illegible] of the [illegible] in which the seal is [illegible].
You will also please make a formal return of the same for [illegible] to the [illegible], together with the receipt of that, to the Department of State.

Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant

Joseph A. Eldredge
Actg Secretary of State

Department of State
Austin Feby 10th 1846.

To Messrs Wade & Robinson

Gent.

Your account for publishing in the "[illegible]" the President's proclamations by order of this Department has been received and forwarded to the Auditor. As you have not authorized any one to receive and ~~[illegible]~~ the Treasury warrant it will be necessary for you to do so before the amount can be obtained from the Treasurer. The warrant is in the Auditor's Office and can be had on application of your authorized Agent.

Very Respectfully,
Your Ob. Servant

Joseph A. Eldredge
Chief Clerk